

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 26 May 2025

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Duncan McAllister on one Agenda Item and he left the meeting during discussions.
- Tim Thomas on one Agenda Item and he was not required to leave the meeting during discussions and abstained from voting.
- Ainslie Carius on two Agenda Items and she was not required to leave the meeting during discussions and abstained from voting on one matter.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 25 March 2025

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 25 March 2025, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of Board Meeting – 28 April 2025

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 28 April 2025 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 25 March 2025

The amended Summary of Minutes for 25 March 2025 was accepted with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 26 March 2025 and 7 April 2025

The Summaries of Minutes for 26 March 2025 and 7 April 2025 were accepted with the Summaries to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

AGM Minutes for Approval – 28 March 2025

Noted.

Action Items

Action Items – 26 May 2025

The Action Items were noted, including updates, information provided in the Board papers and items completed or to be removed, with the revised Items attached to the Minutes.

Ongoing Matters

Wagz Café Renewal of Contract

The Board resolved to accept the amended terms proposed for the catering licence agreement.

Two Directors abstained from voting.

Signing of the Confidentiality Agreements

Lengthy discussion followed on:

- The version provided by Tim Thomas with amendments required to the general provisions to include Commonwealth and State legislation and a reference to the Constitution around the removal of Directors.
- The right to advocate and voice concerns on Board decisions noting Directors were able to hold robust discussion and voice opinions, however unity was required once a collective Board decision was made. Directors were bound by the Corporations Law, with the need to act in the interests of the company, not the interests of parties who may have appointed the Director. Directors were not comfortable with recording how each voted on matters, however it could be recorded the decision was passed by a majority with those who disagreed able to request this be recorded.
- One confidentiality agreement was required for all Directors to sign, with the suggestion further work be completed on developing a final version and report to the next Board meeting.

Ongoing Issues with QGA

Directors noted the matter was ongoing and acknowledged the work by Gordon Mayne with QGA.

REPORTS

Financial Report – 30 April 2025

Financial Summary – March and April 2025

The Financial Reports for March 2025 and April 2025 were tabled. The first Finance, Budget and Risk Committee (FBRC) had been held on 26 May 2025, with the plan to meet two weeks prior to each Board meeting. It was noted work was also underway on the FBRC charter.

Discussion followed on issuing EOIs to obtain two more members on the FBRC. Projects, a breakdown of individual income areas and costs within Zones 1, 2 and 3 were being considered for inclusion in the financials noting the FBRC also needed to consider the aims of the Strategic Plan.

The Board accepted the Financial Report and Summaries provided.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – 25 April 2025

The information provided was noted and discussed.

Reintroduction of the Qld Classic

The information provided was noted and discussed with the suggestion the Qld Classic be a permanent event with every club participating at least once a year. It was flagged there may be resistance to the requirement to travel to enter a show to qualify. The reintroduction of the Qld Classic was referred to the Constitution and Rules Committee to consider whether any Dogs Queensland Rules required amendment.

The Board resolved to accept the proposal to reintroduce the Qld Classic from 1 July 2025, with the final held at the 2026 Ekka which was the 150th anniversary of the show.

Social Media Report – April 2025: Noted.

Welfare Officer Reports

CWLO Reports

Directors noted the report provided with the CWLO to attend the next Board meeting.

Members not returning Record Update Sheet:

Noted and discussed.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

IGP Training

Directors discussed the information provided noting the ANKC did not recognise this type of training and the Board was unable to endorse the IGP training.

Membership for Disability Support Workers

The information provided was noted and discussed. The Board agreed there was no objection to a support person being present to assist the disabled person at an event, not the handling of the dog.

Introduction of a Champion Class

Directors discussed the information provided with the suggestion two lots of challenges for two sexes in each breed could be introduced, with a Queensland only trial held at Festive Fiesta. It was suggested social media be utilised to promote the issue with wording developed for the Dogs Queensland Facebook page encouraging members to contact their State Delegate. It was noted administration issues and online systems to fit with the ANKC would need to be addressed. Directors requested the matter be placed on the agenda for the October 2025 ANKC meeting.

Directors agreed with the concept of the introduction of a Champion Class and accepted the suggestion to conduct a trial at Festive Fiesta at the end of 2025.

Dogs Queensland's Child and Youth Risk Management

Noted, with the information provided to be reviewed.

Committees and Working Parties

Directors discussed the information provided noting further deliberations were being held. The changes to the system were proposed to commence in 2026 with the emphasis to be on outdoor, practical hands on training. It was suggested EOIs be issued noting Group 5 was mainly required. A new set of rules would also need to be developed for the Board to consider. It was noted Belinda Thomas had been added to the Junior Handlers Committee.

The Board agreed with the proposed QDS committees and working parties and **endorsed** the proposed CJC restructure.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

May 2025 State Administrators Meeting: Noted

Notice of Meeting – October 2025 State Administrators: Noted.

Preliminary Notice of Meeting – October 2025 ANKC Ltd Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting: Noted.

CRUFTS – Confirmation of Qualifying Shows Meeting: Noted

National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee: June 2025 Meeting Agenda and Referenced Documents: Noted.

Dogs Australia June 2025 Special Board Meeting – Dropbox Updated

Directors agreed, for the Saturday, 14 June 2025 Dogs Australia meeting, the Dogs Queensland representatives would be Ainslie Carius and Tim Thomas.

COMMITTEES

Board's Ground Liaison

Temporary Fence RATG/Lure Coursing

The information provided was discussed, noting the two quotes provided with a breakdown on costings and income for each area yet to be obtained. The grounds were required to be available for all Dogs Sports with sufficient space available noting the Dogs Sports Committee had agreed no permanent fencing be erected and Earth Dogs had also raised funds for temporary fencing. Storage of the fencing would need to be addressed.

Directors requested quotes for temporary and permanent fencing with a six metre open gate be obtained for further consideration by the Board.

Works to be undertaken around Rings and Grounds

The information provided was noted and discussed. The FBRC had considered the organisation's finances with the need to ensure the best value for money was obtained on any expenditure. Three quotes were to be obtained on materials, labour and the bobcat hire with appropriate due diligence processes to be followed in accordance with the policy to enable a full evaluation to be made to select the best option. A review process, at least every 12 months, should be completed by the Grounds Manager to determine work required on the grounds with a plan of activity established and monies allocated in the budget.

The quotes when received were to be sent to the General Manager to pass onto the Executive, as well as the Board with 24 hours to raise any objection, otherwise a decision would be made by the Executive.

The Board resolved in principle to:

- i) proceed with the grounds work which had been advised as needing to be completed;
- ii) obtain the proper quotes on the appropriate volume of material required, as well as the labour component to spread the top dressing, with the quotes provided to the General Manager to circulate to the Executive and the Board to consider and advise if any objections within 24 hours; and
- iii) delegate the decision making process of the final approval to the Executive.

Items from Board's Ground Liaison

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Queensland Dog Sports

Qld Dogs Sports Committee Financial Report for April 2025

Noted, highlighting the monies raised for fencing and RAFT was not in deficit with the accountant requested to move allocated funds and correct the item.

QDS Judges Elevations

The Board **endorsed** the appointment of:

- Karen Gordon as a Lure Coursing Judge.
- Teegan Murray as a Rally Judge.

Request to revert decision re Cold Game RAFT

Directors discussed the information provided noting rule changes had been made, with Queensland unable to hold State or National Titles due to the use of artificial game. There were legal ways to obtain and dispatch game in Queensland noting certification by a qualified person was required to state the birds were euthanised in accordance with required methods. The Chair, General Manager and CWLO would meet and discussed acceptable euthanasia practices/methods.

Plea to 'Revoke mandatory muzzling of sighthounds participating in team Lure Coursing Events

Directors noted the information provided.

The Board resolved the plea to revoke mandatory muzzling of sighthounds participating in team Lure Coursing Events was not supported.

Late Agenda Item – Clarification of QDS Levies

Noted and discussed.

Canine Health

Canine Vector Study with JCU

Directors noted the information provided noting a JCU breeding lecture was to be presented on 23 July 2025. The Health Committee had also agreed it was unable to conduct the two shows in November 2025.

Constitution and Rules

Committee Minutes and Documents

- Minutes of Meeting 14/05/2025: noted.
- Constitution and Rules Committee Principles: noted.

- For endorsement: Constitution and Rules Committee – revised committee charter
Directors endorsed the revised charter for the Constitution and Rules Committee.

- For endorsement: DQ Model Committee Charter
Directors endorsed the DQ Model Committee Charter.

Show Dates Working Party

A verbal update was provided with a forum to be held to rewrite the calendar after 2026. Dogs Queensland was to write to all clubs to advise no planning should be undertaken for 2027 events, noting Zone 3 would be excluded due to the long lead period required to plan events in advance.

A similar consideration would be given for Zone 2 events, however work was required on addressing clashes between Zones 1 and 2 shows. The matter was to be added as a discussion item for the upcoming Presidents and Secretaries meeting. The two Royal shows and Ag shows were excluded with the General Manager requested to write to Qld Agricultural Shows to obtain a list of Ag show dates for 2027.

Junior Handlers

October Shows

Directors discussed the information provided.

The Board agreed to the Junior Handlers Committee holding the Fast N Furious trial, with three shows to be held on the one Saturday.

Event Managers and Stewards

Minutes from Event Managers and Stewards Committee: Noted.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval – May 2025

The Board discussed the requests.

Show Dates for Approval (carried over)

The requests were noted. Discussion followed on the requests for second Ag Shows, the saturation of events and providing some protections for and prioritising Dogs Queensland clubs regardless of the location to minimise any negative impacts. It was suggested a guideline for clubs be put in place with the policy to be updated.

Request from Dobermann Club of Queensland Inc for 2025: Noted.

Health and Grounds Committee Shows (carried over)

It was noted the Health Committee did not want to hold shows and the Grounds Committee no longer existed, with consideration required on holding the Fast N Furious event in November 2025.

Club Matters

Dogs Australia Overseas Judges Approval Process (carried over)

Deferred to the June Board meeting.

Open Show Judge Ruling (carried over)

Directors noted the information provided with discussion following on the Open Show judge ruling noting there was no uniformity on the matter and the issue was currently under consideration.

Capricorn Coast – Application to go back to Full Affiliation

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

The Board resolved Capricorn Coast Kennel Club be reinstated as a fully affiliated club with the three shows approved.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Flying Minutes re Membership

The Board ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Membership currently stood at 5,206 plus 996 Community Memberships.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 24 June 2025 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.