

**SUMMARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 22 July 2025**

Prior to the commencement of the formal Board meeting, the Canine Welfare and Liaison Officer provided a verbal report. Discussion followed on craniofacial ratio procedures and preferred measurement methods and data to grade a dog with BOAS testing in place. Consideration was given to possible proactive steps to promote the welfare of dogs and assist breeders with guidelines. The Australian Vets Association (AVA) was part of the process with an opportunity to partner on testing and have vets trained on the process. Dogs Queensland was attempting to have a tool and guideline established with the suggestion a trial be conducted noting any data collected would be strictly confidential. If a trial was successful, other States could be approached to participate and use the testing tool. The Board agreed the BOAS testing issue be placed on the ANKC October 2025 meeting agenda.

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

A conflict of interest was declared by Duncan McAllister on one Agenda Item and he left the meeting during discussions. No other conflicts of interest were declared.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of Board Meeting – 24 June 2025

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 24 June 2025, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Discussion followed on the difficulties encountered by Directors attending the meeting via Zoom including unstable connections and inability to hear discussions clearly. The Board agreed improvements were required for the conduct of online meetings noting general meeting etiquette should be observed. Teams could be trialled and investigations undertaken by the General Manager on updating the meeting hardware including cameras and additional microphones.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 28 May 2025

The Summary of Minutes for 28 May 2025 was accepted with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

**REPORTS**

Financial Report – 30 June 2025

Financial Summary – June 2025

The Financial Report and Summary for June 2025 were tabled and discussed noting the positive results. General Manager noted three applicants had been invited to join the Finance, Budget and Risk Management Committee.

The Board accepted the Financial Report for 30 June 2025 and Financial Summary for June 2025.

**Office Reports**

Office Report – Week Ending – June 2025: Noted.

Social Media Report – July 2025: Noted.

## **Welfare Officer Reports**

### CWLO Reports – July 2025

Noted.

## **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

### Purchase of 3 x Android tablets for use at Zone 3 Conformation Shows

Directors discussed the information provided noting a donation to purchase the tablets was sought. It was suggested feedback be given to the clubs in Zone 3 that Dogs Queensland supported and provided benefits to the Zone. It was noted in Zone 2, the Maryborough Club had purchased tablets which were hired to clubs to use. It was the consensus of Directors the donation of funds to Zone 3 should be provided to clubs in Zone 2, with an application for funds to be submitted.

The Board approved funding up to \$2,000 for the purchase of 3 x 11" Android tablets for use in Zone 3 to run the Show Manager Stewarding App.

### Director Orientation Training

Directors noted the information provided including the costs and Director training able to be provided by the Governance Institute of Australia (GIA). Directors thanked Gordon Mayne for his work on the matter.

The Board resolved to proceed with the proposed 3.5 hour Duties of Officers & Directors course to be delivered at Durack by the Governance Institute of Australia at a cost of \$8,300 ex GST.

## **ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters**

June 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes & Meeting Summary – Confirmed: Noted.

2026 February and June Special Board Meeting Dates: Noted.

May 2025 State Administrators Meeting Minutes Noted.

### Oodles and the Sporting Register:

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

The Board resolved to accept the National Groodle Association, Australian Labradoodle Association and Australian Cobberdog Society as Kindred Bodies for registration on the Sporting Register.

### Electronic Motion #214 – Recognition of Yakutian Laika as a Herding Breed

Discussion followed on the information provided noting the Yakutian Laika breed was capable of herding. Directors agreed clarity was required on the proposed motion noting there was support for the breed to be eligible for herding.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Board's Ground Liaison**

#### GSD National Show – Damage to rings 11-16

Directors noted and accepted the offer of a donation of \$500 from the German Shepherd Club of Qld Inc.

### Grounds matters

A verbal report was provided on grounds matter at Durack, including:

- Lighting, with further information required and lux testing to be undertaken. Quotes were to be obtained on upgrades and possible relocation of installations. Investigations would be conducted and costings obtained on the lighting and power requirements for the Sprint Dog track and camping areas. There was capacity to conduct events currently however significant investment would be required by Energex to upgrade the power capacity. Solar upgrades and viability were also being considered. Further discussions would be held on the matter with assistance sought from various contacts on writing and submitting grant applications for funding.

- The organisation had been successful in receiving a grant of \$35k for lighting to date.
- Shade sails on the outside rings with the issue of repair, replacement or removal be considered at the next Board meeting. The Strategic Planning and Durack Future Working Party should also consider the issue of shading for the grounds and if an undercover facility was required, with feedback also sought from members. General Manager was requested to prepare costings on shading, with Bill Smith offering to assist.
- Bins on the grounds with a proposal to have various sized rental bins on the grounds which would be collected. It was suggested care be exercised with larger bin lids to minimise any risks noting the bins could be opened prior to any event. The Board agreed the General Manager proceed with the bin proposal with figures to be provided on cost savings achieved.
- Paths and steps on the grounds with workplace, health and safety issues to be addressed. It was suggested any cracks and the outside of all paths and steps be painted yellow, grip steps be used and lighting upgraded where required.
- Tree roots on the grounds with the General Manager to inspect the grounds. Directors were asked to contact the General Manager if any hazards or risks were identified so the issue could be immediately addressed by the grounds staff.

## **Queensland Dog Sports**

### QDS Judges Elevations

The Board **endorsed** the following elevations:

- Cass Speed – Lure Coursing Judge
- Naomi Shae – Lure Coursing Operator and Judge
- Tanya Eley – Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent
- Amy Babbage – CCD Obedience
- Erin Elliot – Scentwork Novice and Advanced

### RAFT Qld – Incident at GSP Trial

It was noted the use of cold or artificial game was permitted under the ANKC Rules. However, Dogs Queensland had directed cold game not be used noting State legislation was in place. Discussion followed on the incident with the suggestion an explanation be sought on the matter with evidence to be provided correct procedures were followed on the proper sourcing, collection and transporting of the bird.

## **Canine Health**

### Canine Health Committee Minutes

Noted and discussed.

## **Constitution and Rules**

### Minutes from Committee Meeting 9 July 2025

Directors noted the information provided and matters being addressed.

### Directors Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy

Lengthy discussion followed on the revised policy provided in the papers, wording and clauses with the following matters noted:

- Private Vehicle Travel with the suggestion reimbursement be provided at ATO per kilometre rates with a possible cap considered. Other not for profit organisations' travel policies should be reviewed as a benchmark.
- Use of the word 'may' provided discretion with the suggestion 'will' be used instead. One standard should be applied to all Directors and reimbursement should not be a choice, with the rules on Director payments to be clear. Any funds could be donated to Dogs Queensland should the Director chose this option.

- Two separate reimbursement policies were required, one for Directors attending Board meetings and a separate policy for Committee meeting related expenses and reimbursement, with the Constitution and Rules Committee tasked to address the matter. Directors attending an event in an official role or a Board directed attendance for authorised business should be reimbursed.

#### Rules for the Conduct of the Queensland Classic

The Board approved the Rules for the Conduct of the Queensland Classic as provided.

#### Amendment to Rule 77.4 proceedings before a Breaches Panel

The information provided was discussed at length noting the proposed amendment was to clarify the position of a 'support person' and 'communication assistance'. The rule changes were in principle acceptable noting guidelines on the matter could be readily reviewed. Discussion followed on the Breaches Panel process, composition, purpose and operation, noting rules could be changed at any time by the Board. However, members needed to approve any changes to the constitution.

The Board approved the amendment to Rule 77.4, proceedings before a Breaches Panel, as tabled.

#### **DQ Events**

##### Show Date Changes for Events Committee.

Directors discussed the information provided noting the proposed changes were for 2026 and 2027 when Anzac Day fell on a weekend with the aim to obtain better attendances. It was highlighted the time period was extremely busy noting other shows scheduled may be impacted financially and entry numbers reduced. It was suggested a budget be established and an estimated cost to run the show determined. Dogs Queensland should support and fund the event or consideration be given to a small \$1.00 levy to be paid by clubs. Reducing the number of shows per year and clubs being provided with the dates to run shows instead of Committees had been considered as an issue to address.

It was noted Dogs Sports conducted many trials with the suggestion Tabitha Young and Barbara Murfet review the matter and report to the Board. Should Committees not conduct shows or the number of shows be reduced, the financial impact on Dogs Queensland would need to be assessed.

The Board agreed to carry the matter over to the next Board meeting with figures to be obtained, budgets developed and plans on how to raise monies to cover shows considered.

##### DOTY, POTY, NOTY Rules for July Board Meeting.

Directors discussed the information and clarifications provided. The POTY trial capped age was 20 months with all qualified puppies within a set period able to compete. Entry fees had been standardised across all events and Committee members and any person closely related was not able to compete in events. Sponsors were able to enter at the discretion of the event committee noting sponsors had been invited to hand out prizes and show bags.

The Board endorsed the DOTY, POTY and NOTY Rule changes as proposed.

#### **Canine Grooming**

##### Canine Grooming Committee.

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. The Board endorsed the appointment of Pam Brown, Lance Wright, James Bennet and Kerrie Jacobson to the Canine Grooming Committee.

## **SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS**

### **Show Dates**

#### Show Dates for Approval – July 2025

The Board **agreed** to the Show Dates for Approval requests from the listed clubs tabled.

Directors noted Pine Rivers and Redcliffe clubs were agreeable to moving their show weekend from the Toowoomba Royal show date if another date could be identified. Consideration was given to various dates and options with the suggestion discussions be held with Pine Rivers and Redcliffe to hold the show in conjunction with Samford Ag.

#### Approval of CACIB and A20 Shows

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. The Board agreed, given the size of Queensland, additional shows should be permitted with the matter to be placed on the Agenda for the October 2025 ANKC meeting.

#### Board Meeting Proposal – CJC Fast Shows

Directors discussed the information provided noting the prior consideration to Committees not holding shows. The motion that the CJC be approved to hold 2 x Group 1-4 "fast shows" (max 50 dogs per group) on the weekend of the Hands-On Exam in August 2025 was not passed.

### **Club Matters**

#### Application for Affiliation – Original Australian Dog Breeds Club of Qld

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. The Board agreed the application for affiliation by the Original Australian Dog Breeds Club of Qld be approved, with a request made to the Club to become incorporated.

#### Amalgamation of Hervey Bay CC and Isis and District CC

The matter was to be held over to the September 2025 meeting, with further details and paperwork required.

## **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL**

#### Flying Minutes re Membership

The Board ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Membership currently stood at 5,401 plus 1008 Community Memberships.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Action Items – 24 June 2025: Noted.

#### Northern Tour (Action Item 6)

Directors noted the information provided with the General Manager flagging the tour would be expensive, however members appreciated the visits by Directors. AC indicated she would not travel if this saved costs.

The Board agreed the General Manager proceed with arrangements for the proposed Northern Tour.

Due to time constraints, it was agreed the remaining Agenda Items be carried over to the next Board meeting.

## **CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 26 August 2025 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.