



**Minutes of the Executive Council meeting**

**Held at**

**Dogs NZ Office  
11 Prosser Street, Elsdon, PORIRUA  
on**

**27 & 28 July 2019**

## 1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President  
Jill Brooker (JB)  
Keith Brown (KB)  
Fiona Hodgson (FH)  
Clinton Hoeben (CH)

Arend van den Bos (AB)  
Stephen Meredith (SM)  
Karen McIntyre (KMcl)  
Paul Robinson (PR)  
Donna Hailes (DH)

### STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary  
Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator

### APOLOGY

Lisa Slade (LS)

Moved Chair; – Adopted

### WELCOME

BH welcomed all to the meeting. BH spoke to the E.C and reminded them about the protocols that Councillors are to abide by.

It was noted that FH was late due to flight delays and arrived to the meeting at lunchtime on Saturday.

### LATE ITEM FOR AGENDA

ST circulated late papers via email on Monday 22 July 2019 and Wednesday 24 July 2019. Hard copies were provided at the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved PR; Seconded KB – Adopted

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

BH declared his conflicts of interest when discussing agenda item: REPORT NZ SHOW JUDGES ASSOCIATION TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE: 24/07/2019

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTRY

The E.C noted the conflicts of interest register.

### EMAIL VOTES

1. That E.C approves the appointment of Clive Phillips as Treasurer with full signing authority over all Dogs NZ / NZKC accounts.
2. That E.C. approves the submission of the Canine Health & Welfare paper on Proposed Animal Welfare Regulations on Significant Surgical Procedures to MPI

Moved KB; Seconded JB – Passed

### OBITUARIES

J.Damie (Levin), R.Krammer (Nelson), F.Bloomfield (Auckland), Willy Pollard (Waiuku), Eddie Crowe (Life Member)

## **CONFIRMATION OF 21 June 2019 MINUTES**

Minutes taken as read.

BH spoke to the minutes.

### *Corrections:*

Amend wording on page 26 under Matters arising. GC noted Obedience Judges Association will review their *constitution* at next years' AGM.

Spelling of Franklin Kennel Association on page 34.

Spelling of Rottweiler on page 42.

The E.C noted under DNA Testing of Exported Dogs on page 45, they would add the rules and regulations around semen storage of deceased dogs to the list of action points.

Moved: JB; Seconded: KB – Passed

### **Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A number June/July List of Action Items are still to be actioned and have been included in the August Action Points:

***Action: Director Secretary***

<b>2. IMPORTANT ITEMS</b>
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### **ACOD REVIEW**

ST spoke to his paper about recommendations from Dogs NZ National Office about the ACOD 2019 Conference.

The E.C discussed and noted the paper requesting we look at the new airport hotel and Miramar Golf facilities as alternate venues. Strict deadlines for booking travel and review of the Club Equalization Levy to be undertaken by National Office.

ST spoke to his second paper about EC, Agility Committee & Obedience Committee Joint Meeting on 23 June 2019.

BH asked PR about the Key Obedience Issues for NDS 2020. PR advised that Obedience could operate on Sun-Mon for NDS and recommends the Obedience winners participate in the opening of the National on Wednesday. PR noted that any show budget which includes Obedience needs to be self-sustaining. They will meet again on 31 July 2019.

The survey monkey was questioned as there are a number who do both disciplines and the question was asked, "How do we capture this?" The E.C noted the perception at ACOD 2019 was to keep them separate. The survey monkey result will determine this.

The E.C discussed and BH proposed to work towards a joint meeting of all three committees at the November 2019 E.C. Meeting.

Moved: KB, Seconded: CH - passed

## **BULLDOGS BREED STANDARDS DECISION**

- **17 July 2019 letter to Bulldogs Clubs from President**
- **14 July Consultation meeting report from Lisa Slade**
- **Letters from four Bulldogs Clubs on preference for either UK or FCI standard**

BH asked CH to speak regarding the outcome of the consultation meeting that took place at Dogs NZ National office on Sunday 14 July 2019. The feeling of the meeting was that change was inevitable but there were differences of opinion on what those changes should be. It was also noted that the Bulldog Task Force coordinator was not present for the afternoon discussion and President of the Wellington Bulldog Club did not attend the consultation meeting.

E.C. discussed the length of the consultation process, with a recommendation by KMCI for another round of individual Club consultation by Dogs NZ President. However, it was felt that this would just be a repeat of the discussions on the meeting of the 14 July 2019.

Based on the Club letters received after the consultation meeting there was a preference for adopting the current UK English Bulldog standard if it was the view of E.C to change the current NZ Standard.

Proposed:

That subject to a legal opinion that a suitable consultation process has been followed it is agreed that the current UK Breed Standard for the English Bulldogs be adopted as the new Breed Standard for New Zealand.

Moved: SM, Seconded: CH - passed

The E.C noted KMCI wished to abstain noting it has nothing to do with whether or not the standard should be changed and everything to do with whether the correct degree of consultation and discussion has occurred.

## **FCI UPDATE**

ST reported on the current state of negotiations between both parties regarding Dogs New Zealand's Associate membership.

ST noted that we have confirmed with the FCI that the President of Dogs New Zealand, Mr. Brian Harris will be attending the FCI General Committee Meeting on 5 September 2019 in Como, Italy.

The FCI has officially informed its members and contract partners that the decision of the FCI General Committee is postponed until **30<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. This new timeframe will allow FCI and DNZ to explore all the possibilities and options to decide the way of our future cooperation.

Having forwarded a draft Associate Membership contract in March 2019 we now are waiting for the FCI to send back an amended contract which we expect BH to sign a final agreed contract at the FCI General Committee Meeting in September 2019.

The E.C noted this paper and the fact we are still awaiting for the draft to arrive.

## **2019 NDS UPDATE**

KB spoke to the National Dog Show 2019 report.

KB is pleased with the great start to entry bookings for confirmation and Agility. Trade show bookings are also strong and a full list of vendors will be reported to the September E.C. meeting. The current allocation of grooming spaces (\$10k revenue) have all been sold and the show committee are looking at alternative spaces in the Stadium venue to increase capacity. A number of grant applications are underway and a revised budget showing a \$5k surplus was tabled at the meeting.

The E.C noted the paper.

Proposed:

That NZKC apply to Pub Charity for a donation of \$5,000 to assist with the cost of light & sound and rubbish collection for the 2019 national Dog show

That NZKC apply to Pelorus Trust for a Donation of \$4,500 to assist with the cost of the Marlborough Convention Centre hire for the National Dog Show 2019.

That NZKC apply to Redwood Trust for a Donation of \$5,000 to assist with the cost of advertising and accommodation for the National Dog Show 2019

Moved KB, Seconded; SM – Approved

## **2020 NDS ARDMORE UPDATE**

PR gave the E.C a verbal update about the NDS 2020 at Ardmore, Auckland.

PR advised:

- Meetings to refine the show schedule will be held in early August.
- Logo developed for the National is "Flying High at Ardmore" which will provide the opportunity for show Merchandise.
- Sponsorship received for best in show.
- Marque 40m x 6m cost \$5,200;
- 20 vendors in floor plan;
- Concern expressed with ability of current contractor to cope with NDS demand;
- Schedule for 202 NDS is currently being finalised and will be published in the near future;
- Key terms and conditions agreed on venue contract.

The E.C discussed and noted NDS 2020 at Ardmore is a Dogs NZ event and ST is to sign final venue contract.

Moved PR, Seconded; CH – Received

## **Future Governance Structure for Dogs NZ**

PR spoke to his discussion paper on potential future structure of Dogs NZ. The paper was an attempt to build some accuracy around the membership numbers in each of our associated clubs. The paper does indicate that our current voting system is not representative of the membership and more work is required to have updated individual club membership list (including both Dogs NZ & sole club members). The future growth of agility / obedience sports needs to also be taken into account when looking at governance strategy.

National office is to contact all clubs for updated membership information, to include life membership, and if required to create a separate database that includes non-Dogs NZ club members. Membership list could be made part of the annual request for Club information although this may require an ACOD change to rules & regulations.

The discussion paper is to be considered by the new Strategic/Constitution subcommittee.

Information only – Received

#### 4. OFFICE REPORTS

##### DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT

##### 1. Key Relationship & Reputation Activities

###### **WBBP Boas Chamber Research Project with Massey University**

Two recent meetings with Massey University have focused on the following key questions:

*Who is going to supervise and conduct the research programme?*

- Massey University Vet Faculty are exploring options for a suitable PhD candidate to be train on using the chamber and an academic staff member who can supervise the entire project.

*Where is the chamber going to be based?*

- Massey are looking at options to house the chamber which requires access to outside exercise area.

*If Dogs NZ own the Chamber what operational agreement / budget is required with Massey University?*

The Operational agreement / budget will need to include the following:

- Responsibility for maintenance of the box and the support contract with the manufacturer
- Staffing, training and travel costs.
- Fee structure to encourage both Dogs NZ breeders and public dog owners to participate in research project
- Securing additional funding partners

*What are the key next steps?*

- Massey University to confirm staff / PhD student involvement and PhD scholarship funding options.
- Both Dogs NZ & Massey University to explore additional research funding from outside sources.
- Dogs NZ & Massey University to draft operational agreement and budget.

Report received; Moved KB; Seconded BH – received

##### **IT – Communication Report**

Report provided by Sue Connor (SC).

###### **Health Test Database**

Final decisions how tests are displayed & printed and what reports are required in consultation with Canine Health and Welfare committee. Final beta testing of database is underway checking results and fixing any anomalies, etc.

###### **Online Litter notification (OLN)**

Online litter notifications now incorporated sire owner consent options for both member and non-member sire owners. Testing is complete and the next step will be promotion and education on the process. 1 August sees the implementation of Rottweiler LRL's.

Next stage of work will begin on automated application for registering puppies with online payment options. This will be launched in the next 12 months.

Report received

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Financial updates for 30 June 2019 were provided by Clive Phillips (CP). While June was a difficult month with revenue down 30%, the Year to Date Accounts are on budget.

CP noted he is concerned with the lack of financial reports for NDOA 2019 and has written to Northern Obedience a number of times.

The E.C noted that greater control was needed on conference travel costs with using Dogs NZ publication to notify members of close-off dates for any bookings. CP to check Gazette advertising performance against budget.

Report received; Moved SM; Seconded BH – received

#### **CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER**

Report provided by Dr. Becky Murphy (BM)

**a. Significant Surgical Procedures Regulations**

Dogs NZ will provide a formal submission by 24th July 2019 after CHWC review and EC consultation.

**b. Surgical Artificial Insemination**

NZVA have gone out to their membership for consultation on the procedure and will develop a position statement. CHWC will draft a submission for EC approval to present to NZVA.

**c. BOAS Chamber**

Continued discussions with Massey University on resourcing this project.

**d. German Shepherd LRL**

German Shepherd Advisory Council to be approached seeking further input on the LRL proposal.

**e. Pug Club LRL**

Dogs NZ Director-Secretary has received notification that the Pug Clubs that they wish to pursue an LRL for their breed.

CHWC request EC give permission to begin the LRL process which is to seek feedback on the proposal from CHWC regarding proposed tests and wordings.

Moved CB; Seconded PR – passed

**f. Health Testing – Database & Registry**

Pedigree Certificate has been re-design to incorporate the health test results. Health test results will only be accessible to members who are logged into the website using their members ID and not to the general public.

**g. Accredited Breeders Scheme (ABS)**

The external perception of the Accredited Breeders Scheme is very good. The Dogs Code of Welfare and the NAWAC opinion on welfare issues associated with selective breeding both specifically mention the ABS. MPI have increased social media promotion of puppy buyers/adopters and they have a section covering "breeding healthy puppies – with reference to the Dogs NZ Accredited Breeders Scheme".

The ABS provide those in minor breeds, or those in breeds where the Clubs do not want to pursue an LRL an opportunity to distinguish themselves from general breeders. There has also been some feedback in LRL breeds that individual breeders wish to pursue becoming an ABS member to do over and above what the LRL requires.

#### **h. NAWAC Meeting 22nd May 2019**

Minutes and a thank-you letter were received from NAWAC. Additional letter regarding NAWAC position on claims that they have approved any third party Health Testing programmes.

#### **i. Canine Health & Welfare Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

##### **Dew Claws**

Paula Short explained the NZVA position about the intent of the Regulation regarding dew claws and the subsequent reality. Their position is aligned with VCNZ which does not allow for removal except for purposes of existing disease or injury.

Paula suggested the CHWC invite VCNZ Seaton Butler along to the next meeting so that he can answer queries.

##### **LRLs**

It was decided that the CHWC would put together a LRL FAQ for dissemination to members.

##### **Breeders Code of Conduct**

A flowchart on how to deal with breaches and the role of the CHW administrator, CHW officer and CHWC in the process was discussed.

##### **Accredited Breeders Scheme**

There was discussion on the future of the ABS considering the LRLs. It is important to recognise that the LRL is focused on health testing, the ABS consider health testing in combination with animal husbandry and additional knowledge.

There were some suggestions that the new BCOC covers a lot of the additional requirements in the ABS and that the ABS is no longer required. It was agreed that either significant investment in the scheme is made, or it is left as it is for those already utilising it with no further emphasis placed on it. The ABS is to be left on the CHWC agenda and revisited from time to time.

##### **Judges Training**

It was agreed that CHWC are to wait for the Judges to engage if they would like to pursue incorporating health into their training and testing and to discontinue any work being done on BEST DOG in the meantime.

The E.C agreed to write to the Judges Association and encourage them to look at the health issues in breeds and keep that in mind when judging. The E.C will look at the Scandinavian system as a guide.

Moved KB: Seconded; BH: passed

##### **Breed Standards**

Lynley Drummond presented a summary of the 2017 Liu paper used in the original CHWC recommendation document to EC to update the Bulldog Breed Standard. Key finding was



that dimensions relating to head, neck, body condition and nostrils are strong indicators for disease.

#### **Significant Surgical Procedures Regulations**

*Freeze Branding* – it was agreed to submit against freeze branding as a practice. There is no known health and welfare benefit to doing this and it appears to be a cosmetic procedure.

*Surgical AI* – it is accepted that this is a veterinary only procedure, due to its nature. There is concern that as with dew claws, by making the procedure veterinary only the VCNZ may elect to classify it as an unnecessary cosmetic procedure thereby effectively banning it.

#### **Approved DNA Samplers**

The Massey EPAGSC are willing to work with Dogs NZ to develop an approved sampler scheme so that there is less reliance on veterinarians to get certified samples. EPAGSC have already developed a scheme in conjunction with Dogs Queensland which can be a good template for NZ, improving accessibility and reducing cost.

The E.C. would like to see CH&W develop more structure around the process and training for DNA sampling.

#### **Brachycephalic Working Group**

It was discussed that this group should be disbanded and instead Dogs NZ should focus on individual relationships. There is a perception risk if it were disbanded as External Stakeholders like the concept of the group and it has contributed to our first Brachycephalic LRL with Pugs.

The E.C discussed the issue of semen registration. KB will email ST the process (including vet certification) so a communication plan to members can be developed reminding them of the regulations and responsibilities of breeders who use frozen semen.

Report received; Moved JB: Seconded; KB: received

#### **Letter from NAWAC regarding Bulldog Taskforce claims that their Health Testing programme is “approved by NAWAC”**

The EC noted the letter from NAWAC.

#### **EVENTS REPORT (DOMESTIC DOG TRAINING CONFERENCE)**

Report provided by Nicola Wood (NW) for information only.

##### **Domestic Dog Training Conference – 22-23 July 2019 - Wellington**

We have received 68 registrations that are made up of:

- 59 members and 9 non-members
- Representing 27 Clubs

9 Presentations are scheduled and the Club of the Year award will be announced at the Conference Dinner.

ST spoke to this item. Vicki and Steve Austin were the Guest Speakers from Australia and were well received. He presented the outreach funding programme and discussed the appropriate dog training levy to fund the programme.

Moved AB: Seconded; SM– Report received

#### **CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER**

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

**Annual Accounts**

- A list of all clubs that have not yet paid their annual subscriptions were noted.

**The Saluki Club**

- The Club is currently an associated club however, the club is applying to become a recognised society.

Proposed:

Recommend that this club become a recognised society.

Moved CH: Seconded; PR – approved

**Application for Third Championship Show – East Coast Gundog Show Society**

- Application received on behalf of the East Coast Gundog Show Society to request an additional championship show on Sunday, 8th of December 2019.

Proposed:

Recommend that the third show be approved.

The E.C approved subject to only one show next year.

Moved PR: Seconded; SM – approved

**Application for Recognition**

- Application received to recognise Tibetan Spaniel Club.

Proposed:

Recommend that Dogs NZ recognises the Tibetan Spaniel Club.

Moved JB: Seconded; KB – approved

**Application for Recognition**

- Application received to recognise Kiwi Sport-hunde Inc. (formerly known as NZ Working Malinois Club).

Proposed:

Recommend that this club be recognised.

The E.C is reluctant to recognise the Club until it has a better understanding of sport and it was agreed that whilst we are investigating this sport no action will be taken against anyone participating in this sport. FH will send a link to the E.C about this sport.

Report received; Moved CH: Seconded; KB – received

<b>5. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE &amp; COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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**SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

A notice has been placed in both the NZ Dogs World and Dog-E news asking for members to apply to serve on the following committees:

Rally-O, Working Trials, Breed Standards, Junior Dog Training, Young Kennel Club – Confirmation, Junior Dog Handling, Canine Good Citizen, Canine Health & Welfare, Museum Trust.

BH spoke to the 2019/2020 committee members' paper. The E.C discussed and agreed to a number of changes to committee membership.

Moved: KMcl / BH Ratified

## **AUDIT AND RISK**

Report provided by Ann Coulson (AC), Chair of Risk, Audit and Finance Committee.

The report comments on the year to date position as at 31 May 2019.

Looking first at the Balance Sheet, it is clear that the Equity is tracking well with last year and last month, giving confidence to the underlying figures.

Considering the Group Financial Report, there are a few ups and downs but they are mainly timing issues and the overall picture is one of stability. The year to date surplus for the two months is \$84,759, which has affected the year end forecast by reducing the forecast loss. In my view it is too early to make any assumptions about the year to come as the projects in the Business Plan are in their early stages, and as we all know it only takes something like a legal challenge to severely affect the finances.

At the end of June, the first quarter of the year, it would be helpful for us to have a comparison of actual activity against the Business Plan so we can get a better idea of how the expectations of the members will be met.

The June data will be Clive Phillips own work and he will have a better appreciation of what is happening. His fresh eye may see things that could be done better.

Moved: PR / SM Ratified

## **AGILITY**

Report provided by Fiona Hodgson (EC representative).

The Agility Committee believe that the major events meeting held on the Sunday of ACOD was a very valuable meeting and it should be repeated every 6 months.

Arising out of this meeting and with a view forward to a world where there is 3 separate National shows (one for each main code) along with a combined "exhibition" date, the Agility Committee would formally like to request permission to be able to allocate the date of the National Dog Show for a club wishing to hold Championship Agility Events in future years.

## **NZDAC Cromwell**

The Committee are all working well together and Zoom meetings are being held monthly. Everyone has been allocated different jobs so the workload is shared throughout the committee.

On-line entries are open along with sales of camping, day tents, merchandise and the evening function tickets. We are well on track with organisation with deposits or full payments made for Grounds, Marquee, toilets and showers. Waste disposal is organised, judges flights paid.

We are applying for grant to pay for judges' accommodation and have secured individual sponsorship for several classes. A number of raffles are underway or planned to raise additional funds.

Benefit Games have been held which included seminars and a championship games event. Judges are not charging any expenses and any event profit to add to our fundraising.

Members of Executive Council are invited to attend.

Sallie Remon, NZDAC Chair

### **NZDAC 2020**

There is now a Zone 2 NZDAC committee in place and the venue is about to be finalised and will be announced at the end of the 2019 NZDAC

### **Judges**

Part 1 of the 2019 reg changes are out for discussion and Part 2 are with the judges for comment. Both Part 1 & 2 will be submitted to the September or November Executive meeting for approval.

A project to improve and update our judges training has been planned. Its goal is to focus on learning and support for new judges and making more written material available to others.

### **Grants System Revamp**

Phil Johnson has put together the outline for a new grants system which consolidates major grants for the support of our clubs into 6 monthly sections with all grants received collated, assessed and awarded twice a year. This will ensure grants are assessed together, are fairly awarded and remain within budget. Clear requirements and information required in the submission of grants will be laid out and the update will be well publicised to ensure all clubs are aware of the new process. It also enables the AC to put restrictions on grants if there is a major project on the horizon to ensure we can utilise the money for the best results.

Report received; Moved FH: Seconded; CH – received

## **OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE**

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (Chairperson).

### **1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings**

At the Dog Obedience Committee Meeting on 23rd June 2019 it was agreed that there be a return to the original format of two two-day meetings annually. These would be in March and September. In addition to these, there will continue to be a single day meeting following the ACOD date, and a SKYPE meeting in November.

### **2. Election of Deputy Dog Obedience Committee Chairperson and Rally-O subcommittee Representative.**

Sue Howe (Northern Region Representative) was elected as Deputy Dog Obedience Committee Chairperson. Ruth Thorburn was elected as the Dog Obedience Committee's representative on the Rally-O subcommittee.

### **3. Discussion Papers.**

The matter of voter eligibility was raised and a decision made to seek alteration of Dog Obedience Regulations 5.2.3; 5.2.5; and 5.3.2. It is proposed that there be a reduction from five years to two years since active participation, and that membership to a recognized Dog New Zealand Society be mandatory.

### **4. Timing of future NDOA's**

Despite a return of 69.8% from Obedience members indicating a desire for the NDOA to return to Labour weekend, a change back has not yet been approved by the Dogs New Zealand EC. It remains a matter requiring urgent attention.

An email received (attached) from the Southern Region Representative provides some reflection of the impact created by the indecision surrounding this matter.

*The E.C agreed to re-discuss at the September 2019 meeting once we have the results from the survey monkey.*

## **5. National Dog Show 2019**

All Obedience planning for the 2019 National Dog Show has to date been done by Geoff Collins in Liaison with Keith Brown.

## **6. Domestic Dog Training Conference**

Some discussion was raised as to why Dog scenting had been included in the programme, which inadvertently appears to have acted as a disincentive for clubs to send delegates. It was explained that the inclusion of this subject represented a very small portion of the entire programme, and that otherwise the conference content remained focused on Domestic Dog Training issues.

## **7. Scent work**

Geoff Collins sent a copy of proposed draft rules for Dogs New Zealand Scent work to the Scent Sports Association in the hope that a unified practice between Dogs New Zealand and other professional bodies incorporating scent work might be established and allow for the possibility of cross crediting.

The response from Scent Sports was largely encouraging, with only small alterations recommended which were discussed at the DOC meeting, and most accepted with minor amendments.

It is envisaged that Scent work as a Dogs New Zealand code, will be introduced in stages, as members become proficient and "qualified" before advancing onward.

The first ever national training programme to introduce "Container Search" was conducted in Wellington on June 30<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the Northern Region, Southern Region and Central Region. Almost all attending were "qualified" as Container Search instructors, and around a dozen were "qualified" as Container Search Judges.

## **8. Domestic Obedience Training**

Steven Thompson gave a presentation on the business plan project concerning Domestic Dog Training. For this strategy to make headway, a "selling" to the clubs was needed through presentations and written format.

There was enthusiasm for the possibility that current individual club Domestic programs might be replaced with Canine Good Basic programs as it could result in greater membership growth and retention.

## **9. Honorary (retired) Obedience Judges Panel**

DOC had received applications for Peter Lieshout and Steve O'Brien to be added to the Obedience Honorary Judges Panel. These applications are now subject to ratification by the Dogs

New Zealand EC.

Moved: SM / KMcl Ratified

### **10. Obedience Judge Promotions**

Doc received applications (from OJA) for the following promotions:

Jeffrey Walkington (onto Championship Obedience Test A Panel)

Jo-Anne Donachie (onto Championship Obedience Beginners/Novice)

Bill Moffat (onto Championship Obedience Beginners/Novice)

Dawn McCracken (onto Rally-O Encore Panel)

Jan Voss (onto Rally-O Advanced Panel)

All applications were accepted and approved, now seek ratification by the Dogs New Zealand EC.

Moved: AB / CH Ratified

### **11. Dog Obedience Committee name change**

Members of the Dog Obedience Committee unanimously favoured a change of name to better reflect the diversity of codes and disciplines administered by them. It was unanimously agreed to seek permission to change the committee's name to "Dog Training Committee".

Moved: AB / FH Ratified

### **12. Regulation name change**

A request is made by DOC, of the Dogs New Zealand EC, to allow the current NZKC Dog Obedience Regulations to be renamed Dogs New Zealand Dog Training Regulations.

It is further requested that each of regulations pertaining to a specific code, be page colour coded to allow for easier referencing.

Moved: AB / CH Ratified

Report received; Moved AB: Seconded; KB – received

### **CANINE GOOD CITIZEN**

Report provided by Sue Cooper (Chairperson CGC).

Rosemary Cleator, our chairperson for the last eleven years, resigned from the committee as she felt it was time for a change. The remaining committee members would like to say how grateful they are for her guidance over this period, and for the immense amount of time and effort she put into making CGC the success it is.

Committee members Lyn Clearwater and Yvette Coutts have also resigned for personal reasons, and we thank them for their contribution.

Current members are Sue Cooper (chair), Jan Dean, Irma Harris, Janice Kirk, Christine Nielsen and Rachel Rae. Several names have been put forward to be invited to join the committee so that it can be at full strength. We have had one meeting via teleconference at which operational matters were discussed.

Moved JB: Seconded KB – received

### **MUSEUM TRUST**

Report provided by Keith Brown (Chairperson Museum Trust).

KB spoke to his paper that contained the minutes from the AGM held 23 November 2018 and the Museum Trust financials for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The E.C noted the papers and asked KB to sort the financials compared to the year book before the AGM in September 2019.

*I thought that Keith had put the financial in for Audit and Risk to have a look at as they didn't reflect accuracy (Jill's comment)*

Moved KB: Seconded FH – received

### **FORRESTER PARK**

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

1. The planning & organisation for the Benefit Shows in August are all well advanced.
2. The work on the building's entry will be finished by end of July.
3. The asphaltting should be finished well before the Benefit Shows.
4. A new security lock has been installed to regain control of the venue keys.
5. Repairs to the floor in the secretary's office.
6. The "Terms of Reference" & "Conflict of Interest" procedures have been progressed & will be signed off at our next meeting.
7. Work is progressing on the "Terms on Reference" document.
8. The problem with the DCC Security contractor looking the gates still exists but has been alleviated somewhat with the issue of keys to affected users.
9. Waiting to hear how DogsNZ are progressing an online booking system. If it is still the future we will progress with the work already done towards setting up our own system.

The EC discussed the report and noted ST will go back to them about the online booking system.

Report received. Moved DH; Seconded KB – received

### **JUNIOR DOG TRAINING (JDT)**

Report provided by Ceri Tarry (Chairperson)

Fundraising for camp 2020 is our main focus. The JDT members have sponsored walks on the 21st July being held around the country, with funds raised by members going towards their camp fees. 3000 raffle tickets have been issued for all JDT members to sell. This will be drawn in October.

There are JDT class happening at ribbon and champ shows.

Report received. Moved JB; Seconded BH – received

### **JUNIOR DOG SHOWING / JUNIOR DOG HANDLER – PROPOSAL PAPER**

Discussion Paper provided by Kirsty Hubbard with ideas for the merging the JDH and JDS competitions culminating in a Grand Final at NDS which will select a winner to represent Dogs NZ at Crufts.

The E.C discussed the paper and noted JDS is to revert back to YKC conformation at the end of the year. A combined meeting of Junior Clubs is to take place at NDS 2019 with the objective of presenting a proposal paper for the November 2019 E.C meeting.

Report received. Moved FH; Seconded BH – received

## **BREED STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (Chairperson Breed Standard Committee).

### **1. Chihuahua**

The majority of submissions were against any change. We also considered the situation of other Kennel Clubs overseas and again there is no firm conclusion either way with some larger Organisations such as the KC (UK) not allowing the interbreeding whereas our closest neighbour does all the interbreeding of coat types.

The committee felt that there was not enough compelling evidence to adopt a change.

**Recommendation 1.** That the application to allow the interbreeding of coat types be declined

**Recommendation 2.** That no change be made to the Registration regulations

Moved SM; Seconded JB – approved

### **2. Rottweiler**

An application received from the Central Rottweiler Club to replace the current New Zealand Rottweiler Standard with the Current FCI Standard No. 147.

The detailed supporting letter shows a high level of support from its members. Given the introduction of the docking ban last year this now brings us into line with the FCI Standard.

**Recommendation 3.** That the FCI Standard of the Rottweiler be adopted by Dogs New Zealand following an advertisement in the next available Dog World calling for any contrary submissions

**Recommendation 4.** That if the FCI Standard is adopted then all “Disqualifying Faults” become “Very Serious Faults”

Moved CH; Seconded AB – approved

### **3. Miniature American Shepherd**

An application has been received to recognise this breed and accept registrations in New Zealand.

The breed is in the American Herding Group. This breed is essentially a Miniature Australian Shepherd but for various reasons not called that.



There are no reasons that we are aware of not to accept this breed and we recommend its approval:

**Recommendation 5:** That the Miniature American Shepherd be recognised by Dogs NZ

**Recommendation 6:** That the breed be placed in the Working Group

**Recommendation 7:** That the Breed Standard of the American Kennel Club be adopted for use in New Zealand

**Recommendation 8.** That the section titled "Disqualifications" be renamed "Very Serious Faults"

**Recommendation 9.** Working group judges to complete an open book exam on the breed (the E.C added this recommendation)

Moved PR; Seconded CH – approved

#### **4. Interbreeding of Smooth and Rough Coat Collies**

A submission has been received from Joanne Allan who is looking to re-establish this breed in New Zealand.

Due to the limited gene pool she has requested:

- i. The ability to import and register dogs from an interbred litter;
- ii. The ability to interbreed the two coat typed in New Zealand with the progeny registered based on their coat type.

Various countries around the world have differing policies on this.

- iii. The ANKC policy is:  
Collies Rough and Collies Smooth
  - a. Judged separately with each variety receiving separate Challenge Certificates.
  - b. Inter variety breeding is approved
  - c. Each individual progeny registered as per "coat type"
- iv. Interbreeding of smooth and roughs was stopped in the UK in 1993
- v. Interbreeding is still allowed by the USA and Canada
- vi. FCI has no policy that can be found

We understand that the registry has already permitted an imported dog from an interbred litter to be registered.

The situation is very similar to the one we have with the German Shepherds which has been embodied into our Registration Regulations with a time limit.

There is no objection to this interbreeding from the Canine Health and Welfare Committee.

The Committee all felt that this was a recommendation that we should support and concluded that

**Recommendation 1.** That the interbreeding of Smooth and Rough Coat Collies be allowed for a period of 10 years after such time this would be reviewed.

**Recommendation 2.** That the registration of imported interbred Collies be officially approved

**Recommendation 3.** That this recommendation be advertised and a call for submissions be made and that all Collie Clubs be written to for their opinions

**Recommendation 4.** That all submissions be referred to the Breed Standards Committee for a final recommendation

**Recommendation 5.** That is the final decision is to proceed then a new Registration Regulation will need to be drafted.

Moved SM; Seconded KB – approved

## **NZ DOG JUDGES ASSOCIATION REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**DATE: 24/07/2019**

Report provided by Raymond Greer (President NZDJA).

BH stepped aside due to a conflict of interest.

SM Took the Chair and the E.C discussed the report, noting the details of the Annual General Meeting, Conference and Examinations. SM raised concerns around the matter of a dispute regarding a failed candidate at the practical exams. He suggested we needed to know how this situation would be handled moving forward. The E.C agreed to write a letter to Ray Greer, requesting details of the dispute and asking him to be keep the E.C informed of the outcome of the dispute.

Moved SM; Seconded FH – agreed

### **Judges Examination Results**

The Board noted the following judges have passed their written and practical examinations as set by the NZDJA for this year and put forward the following names for ratification by the EC.

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mr. Mark Lawrence   | Toys              |
| 2. Mrs Penny Calman    | Toys              |
| 3. Ms Kirsten Price    | Hounds            |
| 4. Mrs Robynne Trainor | Working           |
| 5. Ms Teresa Lawrence  | Working           |
| 6. Mrs Helena Owens    | Utility           |
| 7. Mr Eric de Boer     | Non Sporting      |
| 8. Mr Alan Stretton    | Non Sporting      |
| 9. Ms Stacey Donaldson | Specialty Poodles |

Moved KMCl; Seconded CH – approved

## **PROPOSED NEW LRL REGISTRY REGULATIONS**

KMcl presented proposed additions to Registration rules to cover the increasing number of LRL'S which are being added to Registry Regulations.

The EC discussed and noted the LRL Regulations could have an appendix like with Breed Regulations. A notification in DogWorld could advise of the tidy up of Regulations.

Moved JB; Seconded KB – approved

## **10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION IN CERTAIN BREEDS**

### **10.13 Litter Registration Limitations (LRL)**

10.13.1 Breed Specialty Clubs, or breeders if no club exists for that breed, having determined and agreed that a disease(s) is/are a problem in the breed, may upon application to Dogs NZ establish LRL(s) for their breed. This application should include the following information;

a) Proposed Health Tests, which should be

1. Scientifically validated
2. Relevant to the breed
3. Reliable
4. Readily available
5. Cost effective

b) State who is supportive of the LRL.

c) State why this is important for the breed.

10.13.2 The proposed LRL is submitted to Dogs NZ for;

10.14.2.1 Review by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee and approval of the tests; and

10.14.2.2 Draft Registration Regulations, which the Club/breeders must approve.

10.14.2.3 Confirmation of the content of the Breed Survey which must be agreed to by the Clubs (or breeders if no club exists) and the CHWC.

10.13.3 Upon final acceptance by both parties, the application is reviewed by Executive Council for its approval.

10.13.4 Submissions are called for and the proposed LRLs are advertised in two consecutive Dog World Magazines.

10.13.5 CHWC and the Breed Clubs (or breeders if no club exists) review submissions and agree on any adjustments to be made.

- 10.13.6 Final Registration Regulations and the Survey Date are published in the next available Dog World Magazine, all other mediums available and direct emailed to all current financial breed owners.
- 10.13.7 75% participant agreement is required to accept the LRL
- 10.13.8 75% participant agreement is required to accept each individual test within the LRL.
- 10.13.9 Executive Council ratify the final result and four months later the LRL is embedded in the Registration Regulations.
- 10.13.10 Final results are published in the next available Dog World Magazine, all other mediums available and direct emailed to all current financial breed owners.

#### **10.14 Review/Change to Litter Registration Limitations (LRL)**

10.14.1 Breed Specialty Clubs, or breeders if no club exists for that breed, must agree that the disease(s) is no longer a problem in the breed or that a change is necessary.

10.14.2 The same process as above must be used to add, delete or make any alterations to an existing LRL.

The E.C discussed this paper and agreed to adopt the new registry regulations subject to minor amendments.

- Those bred in the last 24mths are to get assessed.
- 10.14.1 Breed Specialty Clubs, or breeders if no club exists for that breed, having determined and agreed that a disease(s) **or condition** is/are a problem in the breed, may upon application to Dogs NZ establish LRL(s) for their breed.

Moved KMcl; Seconded SM – passed

#### **PUPPY REGISTRATION / LRL / BCOC COMPLIANCE**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (Dogs NZ Director Secretary).

#### **New Registration Regulations: Office Process and Enforcement**

Dogs New Zealand have made three key changes to our Registration Regulations which have implications for our office processing systems and the development of an appropriate enforcement policy.

#### **Key Registry Regulation Changes:**

1. Rule 8.2.1/9.2.1: Completed Litter Notification & Dog Registration forms within 6 months of whelping.
2. Rule 10.13/10.14: LRL Health Testing requirements for Labradors & Rottweilers (with more breeds to come)
3. Rule 19: Breeders Code of Conduct & associated penalties and conditions

#### **Regulation Enforcement:**

Executive Council has an important role to play in supporting the National Office in the enforcement of our registration regulations.

Under Rule 6.5 Executive Council has the power to decline to register or cancel any kennel name. The National Office believe that using this power in the appropriate circumstances will give real "teeth" to the enforcement of our Litter Notification, Dog Registrations and LRL Health Testing rules.

Executive Council also has the power under rule 8.2.2 / 9.1.4 to accept late litter notifications and registrations upon the payment of a special late fee.

The Breeders Code of Conduct has specific penalties and conditions which also apply to litter & dog registration. The refusal by breeders to accept the decision of CH&W on any penalties or conditions should face potential suspension of kennel name.

### **What is the cost if we do not enforce our Registry Regulations?**

A report on the number of breeders who have failed to register all dogs notified in the Litter applications since 2014 shows that 2,956 dogs who were included in litter notifications were not registered. The loss of revenue from non-registered dogs has been estimated between \$124,000-\$250,000.

While the previous registration regulation window of 2 years made tracking and enforcement difficult, with the tighter 6 month window we are able to better track and enforce our registry rules.

### **Executive Council Approval**

- Recommend that Executive Council allow the Director Secretary the discretion to accept late litter & dog registrations (within 28 days of 6 month deadline) upon the payment of a special late fee of **\$118 per litter, \$84 per dog**.
- That the Director Secretary make applications to Executive Council for suspension of kennel names of breeders who fail to adhere to Registry Regulations for Litter Notification & Dog Registrations, LRL Health Testing and Breeders Code of Conduct breeches.

Moved PR; Seconded SM – approved

The E.C also agreed on communications in Dog iE-news and Dog World to note the office policy going forward and enforcement of penalties.

## **7. CLUB MATTERS**

### **BENEFIT SHOWS**

#### **Dogs NZ Properties**

- Black Hawk Auckland Exhibition Centre
- Black Hawk Forrester Park Exhibition Centre
- Black Hawk Wellington Exhibition Centre
- Hutt Valley Kennel Centre

Moved (ALL) – ratified

#### **Advices (Own Property)**

- Canterbury Kennel Assn
- North Canterbury Kennel Assn
- Manawatu Kennel Assn
- Southland Kennel Assn
- Waimakariri Kennel Assn

Moved (ALL) – ratified

**Applications**

- Ashburton Kennel Assn  
Moved JB; Seconded KB – ratified
- Nelson Kennel Assn  
Moved JB; Seconded CH – ratified
- Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Soc  
Moved JB; Seconded KMCl – ratified
- Canterbury Kennel Assn  
Moved CH; Seconded AB – ratified
- Gore & Districts Kennel Assn  
Moved CH; Seconded AB – ratified
- Nelson Ladies Kennel Assn (Museum Trust)  
Moved CH; Seconded SM – ratified
- West Coast Kennel Assn (Museum Trust)  
Moved AB; Seconded CH – ratified
- Geraldine Country Kennel Assn  
Moved CH - Seconded CM – ratified

Director Secretary to remind future applicants of the Benefit Show protocols (including application deadlines) which should also be published in NZ Dogs World.

**8. REGULATIONS**
**BREED STANDARDS UPDATE PROCESS AND TEMPLATES - KMCl**

Report provided by Karen McIntyre (KMCl).

**Breed Standard Review proposal**

We have the opportunity to introduce a documented management system for the periodic review of all breed standards. This will allow us to ensure that our Breed Standards are up to date and we can track the process of review and any change.

To any organizations looking into NZKC, such as NAWAC, NZVA, MPI or the media – a periodic review will reflect a systematic approach to ensuring that the status is current for one of our major assets – our Breed Standards.

By tracking any changes that are made, so we show the historical path the standard has taken, what was changed, and the reasons for the changes – from simple grammatical errors, through to major changes and indeed the option to change from The Kennel Club to FCI or Country of Origin Breed Standards – they should all be carefully documented.

The discussion paper included a proposed breakdown of the breeds to be reviewed each year and a timetable for the review process. It is also proposed that the website have available for each breed:

- Current Dogs NZ Breed Standard
- Current ANKC Breed Standard
- Current UK Breed Standard
- Current FCI Breed Standard
- Copy of the Check List

It was decided that the discussion paper be shared with the Breed Standards Committee who would undertake the review process (under the control of Dogs NZ). The National Office would need to establish a registry to record and track changes as currently exists for Rules and Regulations changes.

<b>9. CORRESPONDENCE</b>
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**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

The E.C discussed and noted the letter of appreciation received from Lesley Chalmers dated 10 July 2019,.

The E.C discussed and noted the letter received from the President of United Bull Breeds Association dated 20 June 2019.

The E.C discussed and noted the letter received from Jane Robertson, Environmental Protection Officer/Contract Manager dated 10 June 2019. E.C. agreed that Dogs NZ would support the establishment of a Dog Park in Blenheim with a donation of \$2k to be presented during the best of show dinner at NDS 2019.

Moved KB; Seconded SM – approved

<b>10. OTHER</b>
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**GENERAL BUSINESS****Resignation of Paul Robinson**

PR informed the meeting of his intention to resign as an Executive Councillor effective immediately after the current meeting. His reasoning behind the decision will be published in a letter to the NZ Dog World and Dog iE News.

BH thanked PR for his service as Executive Councillor and noted that he would continue to play an important role on a number of Committees, including leading the organising committee for NDS 2020.

Steve Tait was confirmed as PR's replacement and ST is to ensure that the updated rule 20 vi on replacement of casual EC vacancies to be on the website.

Discussion on having E.C. badges available for new and existing Councillors and arrangement for E.C. photo at November meeting.

**Executive Council at NDS 019**

General discussion on job allocation for Councillors attending NDS 2019. ST to be available from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. Decision to be made on if National Office event material to be transported by Van or pallet freighted. CH offered to drive up Tuesday night and be available from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of Oct.

Remainder of E.C. to contact KB on availability during show week.

**Breeders Championship Certificate**

Sue Connor be asked to create a Breeders Champion Certificate (including both Dogs NZ branding and NZKC seal). Strategic / Constitution Committee to review terms of reference for award in line with existing portfolio of Breeders Awards. Committee to also consider Junior Warrant Award.

**Media Code of Conduct**

E.C. discussed concern about high level of complaints regarding members' behaviour on Social Media. Director Secretary to prepare a paper on complaint handling process and potential penalties based on effective international models to be discussed at September E.C. meeting.

### **Neuter Show Dogs**

Working group consisting of FH (Chair) / KB / CH / SM to present proposal paper on show entry options for Neuter (Desexed) dogs to November E.C. meeting which will form basis of any proposed RULES / \regulation changes to 2020 ACOD.

### **Specialist Grand Championship Award**

While the June E.C. meeting approved changes to the criteria of awarding Grand Champions there is still confusion about what the changes mean. CH to bring to Nov meeting a revised paper on Grand Championship Award for further clarification and discussion.

### **Finance, Audit & Risk Committee**

Director Secretary and Treasurer to investigate financial reporting options that better track how each of the three sports disciplines are progressing against budget.

### **PRESIDENT SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

BH closed the meeting AT 11.30AM ON 28 July 2019.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2019-2020 term)**

Saturday / Sunday, September 14/15

WELLINGTON

Saturday / Sunday November 23/24

The E.C noted this meeting will now be held in Auckland and include a joint session with the national Agility and Obedience committees.