



Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

**Held on 5 October 2021
7pm – 9pm**

Via Zoom

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President
Jill Brooker (JB)
Donna Hailes (DH)
Phil Johnson (PJ)
Nigel Trainor (NT)
Karen Sadler (KS)

Stephen Meredith (SM)
Keith Brown (KB)
Catherine McManus (CM)
Steve Tate (STT)
Fiona Hodgson (FH)

STAFF

Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator

APOLOGIES

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

WELCOME

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 7pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The E.C adopted the agenda and noted additional agenda items:

- JDH Final
- Shows going forward
- Show passports (Covid vaccinations)

Moved: BH – Adopted

EMAIL VOTES

Three recent email votes:

1. NZDAC: Show Postponement to Dec;
2. NZDJA: Desiree Hanson promotion to Junior Showman Panel;
3. NZDJA: Amy Bray to sit Junior Showman exams;

Moved: BH – Adopted

SEPTEMBER 2021 / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 11 September 2021 meeting minutes.

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH – Adopted

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Moved: SM; Seconded: JB – Approved
Received

2. FINANCE / BUSINESS PLANNING & BUDGET
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FINANCE UPDATE**August Financial Report (late paper)**

ST noted there will not be a report from the Treasurer regarding the August Accounts as he spoke to those at the September Zoom meeting.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT POLICY

Report provided By Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: Draft Treasury Policy – Financial Investment and Borrowing**Background**

Executive Council has asked the Director Secretary / Treasurer to update and strengthen the current Financial Investment & Borrowing Policies so that we are best able to manage the cash funds we have available for the benefit off all Dogs NZ members.

Any new "Treasury Policy" should address any conflict in the delegation powers and Dogs NZ should have the freedom to seek the best investment advice to construct a portfolio that strikes a balance between conservation of capital and a prudent level of return that can support the work of Dogs NZ.

Treasury Policy
Financial Investment and Borrowing

Purpose

The purpose of this Treasury policy is to outline the investment and borrowing parameters for Dogs New Zealand (DNZ) and the role of Risk, Audit & Finance (RAF).

Policy

All financial investment and borrowing for and on behalf of DNZ shall be approved as per the Delegated Financial Authority Schedule.

Any borrowing of funds should be at a prudent level that takes in account DNZ ability to service the interest and principal payments of the loan.

Any large borrowing in overseas currency (\$500,000 plus) should have an appropriate currency hedge strategy in place to protect DNZ from any adverse currency movements.

Any DNZ investments should aim for a prudent balance between capital preservation and generating sufficient income to protect the capital from inflation and support DNZ activities.

Investment funds made be placed with trading banks registered with the Reserve Bank of NZ or professional fund management firms who hold a FAP licence.

Procedures

- Upon approval from the Executive Council the Director/Secretary will be responsible for actioning the investment and/or borrowing of DNZ monies as per the Delegated Financial Authority Schedule
- The Director Secretary is responsible for managing current financial investments of DNZ ensuring the best rate of return is realised for the desired risk profile. All such transactions shall be reported to the RAF Committee.

- The Director/Secretary and Treasurer shall provide regular reports to the Executive Council the levels of investment/borrowing and commenting on any relevant movements in value.

Delegated Financial Authority Schedule

The E.C received an email from Ann Coulson (AC) Chair of the RAF Committee on 4 October 2021 with feedback on the proposed policies.

The RAF committee have reviewed the proposed policies in the attached document, and have the following recommendations to make:

- Director/Secretary & Treasurer have authority to invest no more than \$100k. Any change in investment must be reported to the RAF Committee within 24 hours of the change
- Between \$100k - \$ 500k must be approved by the President and one of Chair of RAF Committee, Director/Secretary or Treasurer. RAF Committee notified of any change within 24 hours.
- Over \$500k must be approved by the President, Chair of RAF Committee and one of Director/Secretary or Treasurer. RAF Committee notified of any change within 24 hours.
- All approval of financial arrangements, e.g. equipment leases or non-cancellable contracts to have approval of President and one of Director/Secretary or Treasurer.

"Investments" in these policies include purchases of major items e.g. land and buildings as well as funds.

I recommend you advise the auditors of the changes as they are included in their review of the annual accounts.

E.C. discussed the draft report and the role of RAF committee. E.C. agreed to the RAF Committee's recommendations subject to minor amendments.

The E.C noted CM will advise Ann Coulson of the outcome noting that the E.C do value her role.

Report Received

3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

SOUTH CANTERBURY KS STATUS (VERBAL UPDATE)

Nigel Trainor (NT) spoke to this item.

NT has met with the President and Secretary of South Canterbury Kennel Society and offered Geraldine County Kennel Association to join and assist with shows. NT advised South Canterbury Kennel Society will take it back to their Committee.

SM noted the problem we have around the country is that a number of Clubs are run by 1 or 2 people and Dogs NZ should be encouraging those Clubs to join with one another to make the combined Club stronger. The Clubs should be encouraged to do so.

The E.C discussed and noted NT to come back to the E.C in November 2021.

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Report Received

PRIVATE DOG TRAINING EVENT: PROPOSAL

Report provided by Karen Sadler (KS).

Report on License to run a show

In light of our many volunteer run clubs beginning to become fewer and others being put under pressure with finding volunteers, is it time we started to think about the many professional dog trainers and Dog training companies out there that Dogs NZ could be gaining some revenue from. As at the moment these organisations are making money from what dogs NZ does without any financial gain to Dogs NZ. i.e: Scent sport, CGC, Agility, conformation and Obedience Training.

One way of doing this and helping increase membership as well as growing dog sports is to allow private organisations to buy a licence to run a show/trial. This could work for the following.

Conformation, Obedience/ Rally O/Working Trials, Scent work Trials, Agility, CGC Assessments.

Costs for this would differ depending on what license they bought as obviously the financial gain is greater in some areas.

The organisation upon buying this licence would enter into a contract with Dogs NZ that stated any and all shows/trials would strictly be run under Dogs NZ rules and regulations.

Any breach of this would result in a fine and any future licence purchase being refused.

The Advantages to Dogs NZ would be:

- Purchase cost of Licence
- Levies that would be paid on entries
- Purchase of any certificates required for the show
- The possibility of having events run in areas where at present Dogs NZ has no clubs to hold events, hence could result in new members. As the people entering would still need to be members under Dogs NZ Regulations.
- The possibility of more events.

The Disadvantages and things to be aware of:

- Events happening in too closer proximity to each other.
- Events taking entries from each other.
- Taking more volunteers away from clubs.

Dogs NZ could remedy the disadvantages by making sure the dates the Licence is issued for is not on the same date as any other show or trial of any kind within that region. If they see impacts on clubs in a region, they could stop issuing licenses in that region.

There would need to be regulation and rule changes to allow this to happen.

The E.C discussed the paper.

KS explained that at the moment you have a lot of Private Trainer's making money out of events that Dogs NZ run i.e. Fun ribbon days. Under this proposal private individuals would have to buy private licenses while Clubs would not. KS noted the Dog Training Committee's thinking was that it should be trialed for a period of 18 months.

FH noted it would require a regulation and rule change therefore would need to be an ACOD vote. CM asked if private licenses should only be offered to members. SM thinks it would take off if you have the option for a private license as many clubs struggle with managing shows. NT noted we

need to think about our whole show structure as there is a lack of shows in winter so members do loose interest.

The E.C recommended that this proposal is sent to the Strategy Committee who will come back to the E.C with a recommendation paper that potentially could go to next ACOD with a recommended rule change.

Moved: KS; Seconded: BH – carried
Report Received

RALLY-O DISCUSSION:

- **ROSEMARY CLEATOR LETTER**
- **GEOFF COLLINS LETTER**

The E.C noted Rosemary Cleator and Geoff Collin's letter in response to Arend van den Bos's Rally-O proposal.

The E.C discussed and noted that this has not been taken any further as we are yet to survey Dog Training members. BH noted that E.C are the ruling body of Dogs NZ and have the right to directly survey members on any issue.

E.C. discussed the survey format and if it should be sent direct from E.C. or via the Dog Training Committee. The important outcome sought was a clear direction from all members of Dog Training if they want a split of Rally-O with its own committee, reporting to E.C. or it remains under Dog Training Committee.

KS would like to see that the Dog Training Committee is made up of CGC, Rally-O, Scent Work representatives so that they all and all work together. KS advised that the Dog Training Committee has a proposal to put forward to the November E.C meeting on a new structure.

Action - KS
Report Received

4. REGULATIONS

NZDJA APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES LETTER & REGULATION AMENDMENTS

- **SHOW REGULATIONS**
- **NZDJA REGULATIONS**

Letter from New Zealand Dog Judges Assn

Further to our letter in July the board held a zoom meeting on Saturday 4th September. At this meeting the review of the Judges Regulations was approved and adopted. A copy of these regulations is attached together with a copy of the regulation review document which was distributed to your subcommittee of Stephen Meredith, Steve Tate and Fiona Hodgson prior to the zoom call with our exam subcommittee. The Board has agreed to an effective date of 1st December for these regulation changes.

As outlined in our previous letter in July, NZDJA is looking to Dogs NZ for support of these regulation changes and the training of our judges going forward in the following areas:-

1. Re-instate the Ribbon Panel.

2. Support for Ribbon Parade judges by implementing a requirement that All Breed Clubs be required to hold at least one ribbon parade each year.
3. Support for the Open Show judges by continuing with the requirement that All Breed Clubs be required to hold at least one open show each year.
4. Support for our New Zealand judges (once the borders open) by implementing a requirement that clubs must utilise at least one NZ judge to judge at least one group per show. It is envisaged that this requirement is to assist those judges with only a few groups to enable them to get the experience so they can progress.
5. Amend show regulation 4.7 to read "No Judge may be timetabled to judge more than 250 dogs per day at any **championship** show or **150 dogs per day at any open show or ribbon parade.**"

In addition to the above we are delighted to advise that the first 3 new breed open book exams will be available to those relevant group judges in the new online platform in the next week or so. During the process of transferring these from a manual basis to an online option it became apparent that we have no regulation requiring judges to complete these new breed open book exams and as such have no ability to impose a penalty should a judge fail to complete the required exam. It was felt that this needed to be in both the Judges regulations and the Show regulations. We have amended the Judges regulations accordingly but suggest a show regulation amendment as follows:

4.3.3 To judge Best of Group at an All Breeds or Group Club Championship Show the Judge must be listed on the appropriate Group Panel **and have fulfilled all examination requirements including any open book examinations for new recognised breeds as set by NZ Dog Judges Assn.**

Attached

1. NZDJA Judges Regulations
2. Regulation Review background.

The E.C discussed the letter received from NZDJA as well as the attachments.

1. Re-instate the Ribbon Panel.
2. Support for Ribbon Parade judges by implementing a requirement that All Breed Clubs be required to hold at least one ribbon parade each year. *Discussion on if there is enough judges for ribbon parades. Amendment: The E.C are not supportive of the compulsory requirement but are encouraging All Breeds Clubs to run at least one ribbon parade per year.*
3. Support for the Open Show judges by continuing with the requirement that All Breed Clubs be required to hold at least one open show each year.
4. Support for our New Zealand judges (once the borders open) by implementing a requirement that clubs must utilise at least one NZ judge to judge. It is envisaged that this requirement is to assist those judges with only a few groups to enable them to get the experience so they can progress. *SM moved that Dogs NZ mandate that all Clubs must use **42.8% (40%)** of NZ judges at Champion Shows – a minimum of 3 out of 7 groups must be judged by NZ Judges as we have to support our kiwi judges at All breed shows.*
5. Amend show regulation 4.7 to read: "No Judge may be timetabled to judge more than 250 dogs per day at any **championship** show or **150 dogs per day at any open show or ribbon parade.**"

The E.C discussed and subject to minor amendments moved the above recommendations.

Moved: FH; Seconded: BH - carried
Report Received

5. OFFICE REPORTS (READ ONLY)

DIRECTOR SECRETARY REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – Next 12 Weeks

With the draft Strategic Plan focusing on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporate into our annual business plan my Director Secretary report will focus on what initiatives we have underway to achieve our 10-year goals.

Below is a short list of what we are concentrating on in the remaindering 3 months of the year.

Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs

Our current focus with Purina is.

- Roll-out of Club Tool Kit project
- Development of the Pedigree dog / Dog Sports Event Display stand
- Purina Retail promotion with Dogs NZ Branding
- Initial discussions with My Rover on membership app

In November the Purina team will travel to our new Porirua offices for a strategy planning session which will set us up for a successful renegotiation of the current 3 year sponsorship agreement late in 2022.

Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training

- Drafting of Legal MOU for DPS payment

Strategic Priority: Registry Development

- Completion of online dog transfers and semen registrations
- Registry Platform replacement - User Audit / Development plan

Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health / Effective Advocacy & Strategic Stakeholder relations

- MOU for the proposed research with Massey University on the discovery and utilisation of genetic information for NZ dog breeding
- Recruitment of new Canine Health & Welfare Officer
- Distribution of new 10yr Strategic Plan document to Strategic Stakeholders

2. Key National Office Activities

Office Relocation & Handover of 11 Prosser St

We have settled into our new office and our new furniture is slowly arriving. I have meet with the purchaser of Prosser St, RJH and discussed what their expectation is regarding the handover of the building.

Key projects to be completed before 20 December settlement date are:

Office Relocation:

- Kitchen outfit – Zip / Dishwasher
- Interior / Exterior Signage
- Pictures / Honours Board / Boardroom displays

Prosser St Handover

- Long term storage of document archives and museum exhibits
- Offsite permanent storage of show equipment
- Disposal of old furniture etc.

I am in negotiation with Freear- Philip for a packing – move – storage deal for our archive / museum material. Freear- Philip are also sourcing a container for our show equipment which is likely to be stored on a member's property in the Kapiti Coast. Freear- Philip will also arrange for the disposal of our old furniture.

E.C. discussed and noted the Director Secretary report

KB spoke about the Museum storage issue and that the Museum Committee will work through this.

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DOGS ON REPORT

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

There are a number of dogs on report that have not been able to complete their required 6 observations because of cancellation or postponement of shows. Hopefully, the owners of these dogs took this time to continue their training and there is no upsurge in incidents

SANDYRIDGE PERFECT CRIMINAL 03110-2020 Rhodesian Ridgeback owned by P Boyes

This male Rhodesian Ridgeback was suspended for 2 months from showing after an incident at Rotorua Kennel Association's shows in May 2021. The dog has completed this stand down as well as training and is entered in an upcoming show. Observers will be appointed.

CH KOLGUER MORNING SUN 06008-2018 Dobermann owned by R Thomas

This female Dobermann has now completed all observations. The owner has been advised and the endorsement removed.

COOPER PANDA-KNOW-ME-IN OB/8292 Border Collie owned by K Pierson

This Border Collie had been placed on report after it showed aggression towards another dog at an event held by DAWG in April. The dog has been competing in Agility and observers have been appointed by Agility Committee. No problems have been reported.

MISTYMOOR SHINING LIGHT AT WILLOWROSE 01263-2021 Golden Retriever owned by D Tonkin

This female Golden Retriever is on report for aggressive behaviour towards the judge at a show held in April 2021.

The dog has been entered and observed with no problems reported. Further observations have not occurred as the shows have been cancelled or postponed. Dog is entered in an upcoming show and observer will be appointed

SPR CH MARTYN BIG BAD WOLF 00424-2016 Dobermann owned by M Armit

This male Dobermann was placed on 2 month suspension after it was involved in an incident with another dog at an Agility Ribbon Trial in May 2021.

Agility Committee have appointed observers and no problems have been reported at events in which the dog has competed.

CHANONRY ROCK A RND AUSTIN 03136-2020 Collie (Rough) owned by B Nelson

This male Collie (Rough) was on report for lunging at the judge at Napier Kennel Centre's show in March 2021. The dog was suspended for 2 months and the owner and dog undertook show training and one on one training during this time.

The dog had been shown at 3 shows in Wellington over Queens Birthday weekend in June 2021 with observers reporting no problems although they did note that the owner was an inexperienced and nervous handler.

The dog was shown again at Manawatu Kennel Associations Ribbon Parade on 11 July. The observer noted that the dog did not like being mouthed by the judge and the judge had the owner do this. No aggression was reported inside or outside the ring. The observer took the time to give the owner some advice on handling the dog.

The dog was entered in the shows held in Wellington by Pencarrow KA, Upper Hutt KA and Museum Trust over the weekend 31 July/1 August 2021 and three observers were appointed to observe the dog over this period. One of the observers reported that the dog did "play up" and "was all over the place" and then when it was being mouthed by the judge, Keith Brown, it attempted to snap at him and was dismissed from the ring. Another observer reported that "the owner had been working with the dog with no sign of aggression. It would certainly seem to be a nerve situation displayed by the owner and picked up on by the dog. Outside the ring the dog was friendly and approachable." The dog was subsequently excluded from the other shows being held that weekend.

A report was received on 9 August from the ring steward, Fiona Hodgson, confirming that the dog attempted to bite the judge although no contact was made.

On 10 August 2021 emailed a letter to the owner advising that the dog's records were now noted with the endorsement "Not to be shown – On Report" and confirming that this meant the dog could no longer be entered at Championship and Open shows as well as Ribbon Parades. Further that he had a right of appeal of this decision and that it must be made to the Executive Council and that the deadline for submission to the September 2021 meeting was 27 August 2021.

The emailed letter was followed up with a phone call to the owner the same day confirming the letter, advising again the deadline for any appeal, where to send it and to include any training or classes or references or reports he may have or undertaken. No application for review was or has been received.

The E.C discussed this dog.

FH recommended ongoing suspension until such time that the dog has done temperament work as it has bit another trainer. KS suggested they do CGC Foundation noting it is twenty weeks of training before an assessment takes place

FH recommended ongoing suspension from all events until such time he has passed CGC foundation level. KS is happy to be the Assessor.

Moved: FH; Seconded: SM – approved
Report Received

6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- CGC CHAIR / COMMITTEE
- FORRESTER PARK CHAIR & TREASURER

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: 2021/22 Sub Committee & Committee Appointments

Since our last Executive Council Meeting we have received the resignation of Lucy Sandford-Reed as Chair of CGC (she will remain as a committee member) and the resignation of both the current Chair and Treasurer from the Forrester Park Management Committee.

I would like E.C to discuss potential candidates for the following committee positions:

1. CGC Committee Appointments

- Appointment of new Chair

Report provided by Lucy Sandford-Reed (LSR).

The CGC Committee nominated Arend van den Bos as an interim Chair to the CGC Committee effective as soon as this is approved by E.C.

Moved: BH – Adopted

KS queried if Arend is still the Chair of the Scent Work Committee does he have the time for both roles? BH has spoken to Arend who advised Scent Work is now running itself. KS concern is that with these committees, the Chair is not being voted on by their group whereas Dog Training and Agility it is their 'group' that votes the Chair position.

BH has requested a paper re. CGC Committee Structure and for it to be presented at November meeting.

2. Forrester Park Management Committee Appointments

- Appointment of new Chair
- Appointment of new Treasurer

BH noted both the Chair and Treasurer of Forrester Park have resigned and Committee Terms of Reference states we have to appoint the Chair & Treasurer.

DH would like to nominate Nigel Trainor as Chair and Leanne Pride as the Treasurer.

Moved: DH; Seconded: SM – Adopted

NT queried his other committee commitments and the E.C noted this will be discussed at the November meeting.

The E.C discussed and noted the Committee updates report.

Report Received

BREED STANDARDS REPORT (DECISION REQUIRED)

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (MH).

The committee met by email.

1. Miniature Pinscher Colours

A member and Miniature Pinscher breeder, E Hyde, has requested I am wanting / hoping to have the colour standard updated to include Isabella and Fawn.

She claims that a dilute colour variation is already accepted in Miniature Pinscher (Blue) and does not see a reason why all variations of dilute are not included, possibly because these colours have not been seen often.

A change to the allowable colours would require a change to our standard.

Having investigated the standards in our partners organisations The Kennel Club (UK) and ANKC have the same standard that we have. While the FCI and AKC have different standards they also do not allow the colours Isabella or Fawn

On the basis that committee recommend:

Recommendation 1

That the application be declined

Recommendation 2

That the applicant is advised the reason for the decision and advised that the dogs may be Registered on Part III the Restricted Register with the appropriate endorsements.

Recommendation 1 & 2 - Moved: SM; Seconded: JB – Adopted

2. Merle Great Danes

An application has been received from a member and breeder of Great Danes, Jenny Crooks, to have the colour Merle recognised as an official colour for this breed.

A considerable amount of evidence was presented on the desirability of incorporating Merle into the breeding program and the committee felt that much of this had merit.

However, any acceptance of Merle would require a change to our standard, which is also the same standard as the ANKC and The Kennel Club (UK)

Merle is allowed under both the AKC and FCI Standards.

The Great Dane originated in Germany (Deutsche Dogge) and we have evidence supplied by Brian Harris that the colour Merle is now accepted for exhibition. The colour is grouped with Harlequin and the FCI standard states "So called "Grautiger" occur, they are neither desirable nor to be disqualified" Grautiger translated to Grey Tiger or Merle.

The claim is that they are a valuable part of the breeding program and should not be disallowed in our registration process.

On the balance of the information, we recommend:

Recommendation 3

That the change to the current standard to allow Merle is declined

Recommendation 4

That consideration be given to changing the standard of the Great Dane to the FCI Standard. The FCI standard being that of the Country of Origin and Country of Development.

Recommendation 5

That the Great Dane Club and Jenny Crooks be advised of this recommendation and their opinion sought. In addition, a notice be placed in the Dog World seeking input from any interested parties

Recommendation 6

That the Canine Health and Welfare Committee be requested for any input they may have.

Recommendation 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Moved: SM; Seconded: JB – Adopted

3. Deutsch Langhaar (German long-haired Pointing Dog)

A member is looking to import one of these from Germany and would like to have it approved first.

Recommendation 7

That the Breed be recognised by Dogs NZ and FCI Standard No. 117 be adopted

Recommendation 8

That any Disqualifications in the FCI Standard be replaced as Very Serious Faults.

Recommendation 9

That breed be placed in the Gundog Group

Recommendation 10

That the NZDJA be requested to conduct an Open Book examination for all judges who are qualified to judge the Gundog Group.

Recommendation 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Moved: JB; Seconded: FH – Adopted

Report Received

NZDJA REPORT

Report provided by Ray Greer (RG).

COMMITTEE & MEETINGS:

The new Committee post our new regulations has moved seamlessly into what is in front of us. We welcomed Bronwyn Murdock to the board of NZDJA after the AGM and allocated to her several tasks. Very quickly she appreciated the amount of work the board does and freely acknowledged that. With this acknowledgment she has galvanized the Manawatu branch into a supportive and active group, and with the shift of our membership to that area we have acknowledged that we need to be more embracing in our approach.

Since the AGM we have held one f2f meeting in Auckland and since then we have been forced into email and Zoom meetings. Whilst none are ideal, we have little option.

EXAMINATION PROCESSES:

Our second intake for the year for our written examination saw a higher than normal judges sitting, but with a pass rate of only 52%. We listened to some commentary around the shows and functions and there were several candidates who admitted that they had not done much preparation as they would have liked but they were simply testing the water to see just how far they were away in terms of the marks. This was disappointing to us as we put in the same effort in producing the papers as always to a certain standard to see a degree of flippancy. Together with the two exams in the one year and this approach from some resulted in a lower than normal pass rate. The commentary back from the failed candidates was considerably lower as well!

The South Island practical's were able to be held in Christchurch on 14/15th August, and these were successfully run by a new look CHCH branch under Martin Hewitt's leadership. These practical

examinations are important to us and we are always anxious to see that these are held in the correct way that is fair to all concerned. The North Island practicals were scheduled 28/29th August but lockdown saw this rescheduled until 9th & 10th October. With the likelihood of Auckland not being at Level 2 by then the board changed the venue to Ashurst on that same weekend. We have held such exams in L2 before and with the windows of opportunity closing rapidly on us we made that call. Bronwyn and her team at the Manawatu branch along with Kathleen Hardwick as the go to person from "Auckland" we are not anticipating any issues. There are some very talented people in that region and the best way to get the best from them is to hand them the baton. Pam Douglas will be in attendance as a backstop person, but I am not anticipating any unsurmountable issues. There is one candidate who is affected by this venue change & that is Meg Hamilton, but she understands and I have given her our assurance that we will think of something...every press conference from the Beehive has a big bearing on the "something".

We also have an examiner on standby in case Jean McErlane is unable to travel.

POST COVID REGULATIONS

The regulations put into place last November to facilitate the need for more NZ judges, achieved that but at a huge workload cost on the board. The two intakes per year of candidates was simply not sustainable. There were several things that did go well, the extension of the Peer Judging system was one and in a nice way there were things that were otherwise tried that we normally would not have that proved too difficult or un-workable. The amalgamation of the ribbon parade and open show panels was one. We have used the same process as last time in the regulation changes, in that it did the rounds of our judge's conference and board, plus a joint NZDJA/EC committee. The new regulations and supporting documents are well circulated to you table so I won't re-litigate that information. What we do need however is for the EC to support our regulations with changes to your own show regulations in that we will need to see ribbon parades re-invented and support for our judges when the borders are re-opened.

ONLINE TRAINING

This is proceeding well, with the first examination only a matter of days away. That will be an open book exam plus marking for new breeds that are being recognised. Where we thought Covid was behind us it is not. We want to further assist our branches in their training processes with on line assistance, and with less branch meetings this on line approach is essential.

GENERAL

I seem to be continually finishing my reports about the effects Covid is having with our operations and our workload, but it is what it is. We are continually having to modify what and when we do something, the NI examination process is a prime example.

Moved: STT; Seconded: SM - accepted
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CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Report provided by Lucy Sandford-Reed (LSR).

Chair

Lucy Sandford-Reed has stood down from the position of Chair of the Committee, effective from the date a new Chair is appointed. Lack of time means that I am not able to give the Chair role the time and attention needed to develop CGC as core part of Dogs NZ Business.

I am prepared to remain a member of the Committee.

Purina Sponsorship

Miranda Stevens Breed Manager Nestle Purina PetCare has been in touch offering to assist with communications to promote CGC to the public.

This is a great offer however I am of the view that the first step in growing CGC is to grow interest with all Dogs NZ Clubs, Breed/Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Scent Working Dogs etc. This will require an active campaign focusing on the benefits running CGC has for Clubs. My experience with Selwyn is that people join to complete CGC and remain members for the time it takes to achieve gold. The next step is that then either return to the classes with another dog or assist with instructing.

Recognised CGC Providers

- North Island 30
- South Island 12
- Private Trainers 7

This simply does not provide the capacity to meet demand if there is active promotion of CGGC. For example I am the Selwyn Dog Training Club CGC Co-ordinator. I have lengthy wait lists across Canine Good Basics, CGC Foundation & Bronze, and CGC Silver Gold classes. Of the 6 Clubs recognised in Canterbury only 3 are actively providing CGC training.

The Committee will have a proposal for the November CEC Meeting.

Appointment of CGC Assessors

The process for bringing the appointment of CGC Assessors into line with Judges appointments has been signed off by EC. The Committee will be setting out the process for implementing the change.

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Report Received

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Show Calendar**Show Calendar Scheduling Issues**

DH confirmed that a number of clubs have cancelled / postponed Labour weekend shows. Waimakariri and Banks Peninsula have rescheduled for January 2022.

The E.C noted the email regarding the Gore KC show. DH noted shows are always one week apart and the rescheduled dates were driven by venue availability of Forrester Park.

Confirmation Championship / Open Shows under Level 2

The E.C discussed alert levels and what can take place at each level for shows and judges exams. SM believes at level 2 Dogs NZ should not be running All Breed Champ Shows. There are issues with numbers on the day and out of region travel to attend shows. He recommends that all conformation shows under level 2 should be cancelled. Shows at level 1 can go ahead but accept no entries from alert level 2 areas. SM also recommended postponing the Christchurch FCI show until early next year and cancelling the Auckland FCI show until further notice.

E.C. discussed the impact of any cancellation on McLean Island and CKA has the option of writing to Dogs NZ requesting financial support for the facility.

BH motion:

“No conformation shows can be held under level 2 restrictions. Dogs NZ cannot accept entries from those that reside in alert level 2 and over regions effective from Monday 11th October. An Announcement is to be made in next Dog-iE news.

Moved: BH - carried

NDOA

KS noted this is still going ahead. The Committee have split everything into separate events. 1 indoors (Obedience); 2 outdoors (Rally-O). The venue is the AMP Grounds in Christchurch and they have been provided with the event plan and Dogs NZ COVID Event protocols. .

Over the next two evenings The E.C discussed the arrangements for NDOA and how it could meet the current government COVID event guidelines. While E.C. preference was that the event be cancelled it would allow it to proceed as long as the event planning was robust and that any social events were cancelled as they would not meet the required social distancing protocols. The Director Secretary is to liaise with the NDOA committee to ensure that a robust event plan is in place.
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Action: Director Secretary

JDH Final

JB noted that JDH is postponed until everyone can travel between regions.

Dogs NZ Show Passports

STT noted these are likely to be required in future by Government. The E.C discussed how they could be managed and the importance of alerting members in NZ Dog World and Dog iE News that they could be a future requirement for entering or attending shows.

Moved STT; Seconded: NT – carried

NZ Huntaway

BH noted that NZ Sheepdog Association are advertising DVD available with 7 generation stud book. BH suggests Dogs NZ purchase a copy of it as a first step in having the Huntaway as a recognised breed on our registry. BH will make contact with NZ Sheepdogs Assn and feedback to E.C. JB noted the original agreement recognised the breed but they do not show.

Budget from Judges for their Exams

FH questioned this but it is not necessary as only 1 lot of exams per year.

Executive Council Members Email Address

KS requested that E.C email address be made private due to heavy spam. The E.C noted although not ideal you can always request your email address be removed.

8. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
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BH thanked the E.C for this meeting.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2021/2022 term)

20-21 November 2021, Wellington

Potential 2022 EC Meeting Dates

- 26/27 February
- 30 April / 1 May
- 24 June (ACOD – 25 June)

- 23/24 July
- 17/18 Sept
- 19/20 Nov

Meeting ended at 10.32pm.