



Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Held on 26 & 27 February 2022

**At Dogs NZ
Level 1, Tottenham House
7 Kilkerran Place
Porirua 5022**

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

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

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

STAFF

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

APOLOGIES

Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer (Finance agenda)

WELCOME

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 9am.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Moved: BH – Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The E.C noted the Conflicts of Interest register. See papers for amendments.

EMAIL VOTES

Nine recent email votes:

1. S. Montford Registration Incomplete Pedigree Papers – ratified 6 votes;
2. NZDJA: Carolyn Matheson Promotion to Junior Showman Panel – ratified 7 votes;
3. Approval of Dog Training Regulations Active 1 January 2022 – ratified 7 votes;
4. FCI Show: Postponement of Auckland show to July 2022 – ratified 7 votes;
5. 2022 NDS: Include show Classes 18 & 18A – ratified 8 votes;
6. JDH Exam Approval : Nicole Harrison – ratified 9 votes;
7. Junior Showman Exam: Alysha Judson – ratified 6 votes;
8. NZDJA Appointment to Toys, Gundogs, Nonsporting Panels – ratified 6 votes; and
9. NZDJA Appointment to Aspiring, Ribbon Parade Panels & CH / Specialist Exam approval – ratified 8 votes.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB – Adopted

DECEASED MEMBERS

The E.C noted the list of deceased members; Elaine Russ (Lower Hutt); Rolf Meltzer (Blenheim); Anthea Whitley (Rangiora); Len Inkpen (Palmerston North); Elsa Pym (Te Horo); Bruce Christoffersen (Upper Hutt); Phil Smith (Dunedin); Bruce Needham (New Plymouth); William Farnett (Taka); Elizabeth Wilkinson (Christchurch); Elwin Isaacs (Dunedin)

NOVEMBER 2021 / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 20-21 November 2021 meeting minutes subject to amendment on page 14.

Moved: KB; Seconded: JB – Moved

MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

ACTION POINTS

The E.C noted the action points from the 20-21 November 2021 meeting. Future reports to include completion date column.

Moved: BH – Adopted

JANUARY 2022 ZOOM / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 26 January 2022 meeting minutes subject to minor amendment re. Paul Robinson.

Moved: KB; Seconded: CM – Moved

MATTERS ARISING FROM JANUARY MINUTES

FH recommended that that we update the CPF Red / Orange Show Management Guidelines to read that the current Dogs NZ Show Vaccine Mandate will remain until such time that the government removes the restrictions associated with the COVID Traffic Light system for non-vaccinated people.

Moved: FH; Seconded: DH – Adopted

2. FINANCE

FINANCE UPDATE

Treasurer's Report

- **31 December 2021 Accounts**
- **31 January 2022 Accounts**

Report provided by Clive Phillips (CP).

Financial Update for December 2021

December – Operating Surplus for month - greater than budget deficit expectation.

December Actual Operating Revenue greater than Budget by \$16.3k.

Dogs NZ head office (\$0.5k), AEC (\$0.3k), Wellington (\$6.2k), FCI (\$10.5k), JDS (\$0.8k), and Obedience Nth (\$0.4k) all recorded monthly revenues unfavourable to budget.

During December Dogs NZ head office show levies (\$5.6k) less than budget, AEC Rent & Dog of Year Income (\$0.8k) less than budget, FCI (\$10.5k) less than budget & Obedience Northern Benefit Show Levies & Fundraising (\$0.4k) less than budget. The total (\$17.3k) shortfall is directly attributable to Covid-19 restrictions. Dogs NZ will experience more revenue shortfalls over the coming months due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Dunedin \$0.3k, Gazette \$3.5k, Agility/NZDAC \$9.7k, NDOA \$17.4k, JDT \$1.7k and Obedience Ctrl \$0.9k & Sthrn \$0.6k recorded favourable revenue outcomes compared to budget.

December Actual Operating Expenditure favourable compared to budget by \$55.9k.

Dogs NZ head office \$58.3k, AEC \$9.2k, Wellington \$1.7k, Obedience Sth \$0.2k and CGC \$0.3k were favourable to budget.

Dunedin (\$0.5k), Gazette (\$3.3k), NDOA (\$11.8k), Obedience Ctrl (\$1.8k) were unfavourable to budget.

NDOA's favourable revenue variance and unfavourable expense variance is just timing difference. Event was in budget in Oct and the event was held in Oct. Financial results included in December accounts.

Dogs NZ head office favourable expenditure was impacted during December by transferring the sale of property and office relocation expenses of \$41k to Non Operational Revenue - Profit from Sale of Prosser Street. This is unbudgeted expenditure directly resulting from the decision to sell Prosser Street.

Actual Year to Date Operating Revenue unfavourable compared to budget by (\$72.4k).

Operations that favourable compared to Budget Revenue for the Year.

Dogs NZ head office \$19.5k, Gazette \$10.3k, & Obedience (all regions) \$9.2k.

Dogs NZ head office favourable revenue due to registry, Sundry Income, web advertising & Interest. Gazette's due to non-member advertising & Schedule income. Obedience due to increased activities –show entries, benefit show & show levies.

Operations that unfavourable compared to Budget Revenue for the Year

AEC (\$5.3k), Dunedin (\$5.6k), Wellington (\$37.2k) & NDOA (\$5.5k).

AEC due to lower car parking revenue, Rent & Dog of the Year. The Dunedin revenue shortfall is a timing issue –benefit show budgeted in September postponed. The Wellington Property revenue shortfall due to a decision not to invoice the annual car parking fees pending a decision on the future of the building -\$8k, plus no Office Rental once head office relocated and lower Non-member rent and no Benefit Show Income due to sale of Building.

Actual Year to Date Operating Expenditure favourable compared to budget by \$206.3k.

Operations favourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD.

Dogs NZ head office \$89.2k, AEC \$28k, Dunedin \$3k, Wellington \$8.8k, CGC \$2.4k & JDT \$1.3k. AEC due to underspend on R & M so maybe timing difference. Dunedin underspend is benefit show exps which again is timing difference.

Operations unfavourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD

Gazette (\$7.3k) due to postage/courier, Agility (\$2.9k) due to benefit show & meeting expenses & Obedience – all regions (\$4.2k) due to general & show exps.

Balance Sheet REMAINS STRONG - Cash and Property rich

Total cash to end of December \$8.096m, up \$6.434m since end of last financial year (March 2021).

Summary of Group Financial Results: – Operating Income minus Operating Expenditure

Monthly Operating Results: - Surplus favourable compared to Budget and Last Year's Actual.

<u>December Month:- Income less Expenditure</u>				
Actual	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>		
\$28,551	(\$43,669)	(\$11,482)		
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2020-2021</u>	
This Year	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
\$93,541	(\$40,339)	\$179,880	(\$63,573)	\$70,306

Actual YTD Operating results:-

- Favourable compared to Budget By: - \$133,879

- Unfavourable compared to Last Year Actual By: - (\$86,339)

<u>Analysis YTD December 2021</u>						
	<u>Number</u>			<u>Income</u>		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Litter Notification	1,339	1,390	-4%	47,251	50,333	-6%
Registrations	7,031	6,617	6%	186,012	180,216	3%
Transfers	5,513	4,816	14%	92,581	89,089	4%
Imports	235	225	4%	21,660	21,443	1%
Exports	194	134	45%	16,969	12,869	32%
Overall Total	<u>14,312</u>	<u>13,182</u>	9%	<u>364,473</u>	<u>353,950</u>	3%

Registry Activity

The table clearly reflects Registry activity is ahead of last year, both in numbers and Income.

Detailed Operating Analysis

Dogs NZ (NZKC): FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$108.7k

Income \$19.5k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

Expenses \$89.2k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

CGC: FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$2.2k**AEC: FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$22.8k**

Income (\$5.3k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$28k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Dunedin: UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$2.5k)

Income (\$5.6k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$3k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Wellington Property UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$28.4k)

Income (\$37.2) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$8.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Gazette: FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$7.6k

Income \$15k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$7.3k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Agility: UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$1.4k)

Income \$1.5k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$2.9k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

JDT: FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$1.3k**JDS: UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$0.2k)****Obedience (all regions): FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$5k****NDOA: FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$17.4k**

Income (\$5.5k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$22.9k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

- Cash balances INCREASED \$8.096m since 31 March 2021. Approximately \$6.35m results from Property sale proceeds net of sales commission, legal fees & other costs relating to sale which were deducted at time of payment.
- Debtors \$81.7k less than at the end of last financial year. There is \$0.8K in the 3 month overdue category and \$3.6k in the Four month and older balances.
- Prepayments \$23.2k (expenses paid in advance)- \$13.9k less than end of last financial year. The \$23.2k is comprised of Sybiz (financial computer system) licence fees for 21/22 year \$1.5k, Annual Insurance Premiums \$18.5k, a 2talk deposit of \$0.3k and \$2.8k of flight travel credits arising from cancelled flights.
- Non-Current Assets reduced by \$371,049 from the balance at 31 March 2021. This is the net movement after write back of the depreciation relating to Prosser Street Building &

Improvements sold in December and sale of Prosser Street Land, Building and Improvements appearing on the Fixed Asset register.

- Accrued Staff Benefits \$56.6k represents the annual leave owing to staff. This has increased \$12.7k since 31 March 2021. The outstanding annual leave balance will decrease in January.
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$83.6k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$67.1k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$16.5k

The main items comprising the Receipts in Advance total are:-

Purina Sponsorship \$16.5k -This is released into accounts in equal monthly instalments during the financial year
 Obedience Regions NDOA monies \$21.6k - \$1.6k Nthn, \$14k Centrl, \$6k Sthn to be held until their next respective NDOA event.
 Bequest received by AEC \$30k – planned to be used for yet to be determined capital / R & M project.
 Dunedin Benefit Show \$2.5k
 AEC Benefit Show \$1.2k
 FCI Chch Show \$0.4k
 JDT annual camp 2022 \$11.4k

ST spoke to CP's report. NT requested that the Cash Flow be presented differently as it is a reconciliation rather than statement of cash flow. NT also expressed uncertainty about the accounts treatment as detailed in the Profit statement for the sale of Prosser St. CP to discuss with NT.

The E.C discussed and noted we accept the financial report as at 31 December 2021 as well as the 31 January 2022 Accounts subject to minor amendments/clarifications.

Moved: KS; Seconded: KB - carried
 Report Received

CAPEX COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. FY 2021-22 Venue Capex Work:

The Capex Committee has reviewed the following capex projects which are included in the FY 2022-23 Business Plan and Budget. The recommendation to Executive Council is to adopt the following projects in the FY 2022-23:

A. Forrester Park

2022/23 Project Costs	\$	Notes
Spouting replacement / Storm Water project	\$9,000	
Roof Repairs	\$5,000	
Total	\$14,000	

B. Ardmore Exhibition Centre

2022/23 Project Costs	\$	Notes
Resource Consent	\$10,000	Required to allow external venue use. \$2k

lodgement		initial spend on legal fees.
Clear Light Roof Panel Replacement	\$19,750	Replacement of old clear light roof panels with Alsyniite Topglass Gelcoat Panels
Upgrade of Parking Pad	\$5,000	Drainage & resealing work of parking pad before NDS Show. If NDS cancelled will be scheduled for next FY. Could be funded from bequest money.
Arena Door Replacement & Building Awnings	\$5,000	Replacement of one entry door and establishment of awnings over building entrances. Could be funded from bequest money.
Total	\$39,750	

The Forrester Park projects are essentially much needed maintenance work. There is the opportunity to allocate some bequest funding towards the major Ardmore projects.

The resource consent lodgement project for Ardmore will require strong project management supervision to ensure that we avoid any cost prohibitive legal battles over consent that out-weigh any additional income we may generate from non-dog activities. It is a risk that will be closely monitored by the Capex Committee.

The proposal is to spend \$2k on initial lawyers' fees to test how far we can push the current District Plan consent of use conditions before we require the approval of neighbours.

The Executive Council agreed to the above projects in the FY 2022-23.

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH – carried

2. 3 Year Capex Summary

Capex are also reviewing the attached updated 3 Year Capex Summary. A number of major Ardmore projects have been delayed until rental revenue has recovered. The house renovation projects have been spread over two years and will not start until there is a market rate rental agreement with new tenants.

3. National Office Investment Update:

Management have received the following documentation from the landlord regarding the four titles he owns at 7 Kilkerran Place:

- EQ Strengthening Work Documents
- Body Corp Constitution & Meeting Reports
- Annual Maintenance budget & key contracts
- Tenant Income Summary

Management are still reviewing the documents before submitting a proposal for review by Capex / RAF Committees. We expect that a final recommendation will be made mid-year to a Council meeting.

ST spoke to the Capex Committee report. NT queried Ardmore projects and SM spoke to them.

Signing of Forysth Barr material was discussed. PJ confirmed he has signed and KS raised her concerns. The E.C assured her it is just signing who she is not a decision about how to invest the money.

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

LOWER NORTH ISLAND WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

Report provided by Lisa Slade (LS) Chair, Lower North Island Working Group.

The Lower North Island Venue Working Group (LNIWG) have been tasked with the role of finding a suitable venue for Dogs NZ membership in which members can participate in their chosen disciplines.

The phases of this project begin with the application of interested parties to join the committee and then use the terms of reference to guide the committee into finding a suitable property to present to the Executive Council in conjunction with the Capex Committee and Finance Audit and Risk.

BH spoke to this item.

NT raised the issue about building on leased land.

The E.C noted that LS is available Sunday morning via Zoom for questions.

The E.C discussed and NT proposal to refer to the Capex and RAF Committee and report back to the E.C.

Moved: NT; Seconded: SM

BH noted the motion is to refer this to RAF and Capex for their views. The E.C voted: 2 votes for, 9 against – failed.

The E.C over-ruled as it is a draft project plan and not a proposal and they would like to hear from Lisa in the morning.

On the morning of 27 February Lisa Slade and Rob Ellis from the Lower North Island Working Group joined the meeting via Zoom. They briefed E.C. on the progress of their investigation and the work on the draft project plan. The Working Group is asking for guidance from E.C. in the following key issues: what is the budget?, views on leasing vs buying land, next step with the project plan.

The E.C. discussed the presentation from the Working Group and were impressed with the level of detail and hard work which had gone into the project plan which they want to convey back to the Working Group.

Motion: That the Working Group continue to develop their project plan to include the option to buy land in the preferred site area and deliver a final version of the project plan with detailed budget of land cost to Capex / RAF committee for their review. Both committees will then report to E.C.

Moved: Chair – carried

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS & PRESENTATIONS

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Background

Executive Council approval is required adopt the attached Statement of Investment Policies & Objectives (SIPO) and Private Portfolio Management Contract so that we can start to move funds to our Private Portfolio Management Account with Forsyth Barr.

Management has meet with Forsyth Barr and we are working to the following schedule to establish the Investment account:

- Executive Council to complete the Money Laundering Identification process.
- Executive Council to approve the draft SIPO doc (which will be signed by the President and Director Secretary)
- President / Snr Vice President / Director Secretary / Treasurer to sign Private Portfolio Management Contract (as per our Treasury Investment delegations protocols).
- Transfer of funds to Forsyth Barr 4 March 2022.

We have placed \$7m on short term fixed deposit until 3 March while we complete the authorisation documents. We would like to start moving these funds to Forsyth Barr on the 4th March.

The draft SIPO has been reviewed and approved by RAF committee. In both our discussion with RAF Chair and Forsyth Barr we have emphasised that while we are in a current period of market turmoil, capital preservation is paramount. The funds will be invested over a six month period to limit the effect of current market volatility and a large % of the initial funds will be invested in cash like instruments so we can quickly draw on funds if we wish to invest in property in the near future.

The Private Portfolio Management Contract mirrors the SIPO and includes the key terms outlined in the Forsyth Barr proposal document discussed by Executive Council

2. Recommendation:

- That the President & Director Secretary be given approval to sign the SIPO document.
- That the President, Senior Vice President, Director Secretary & Treasurer be given approval to sign the Private Portfolio Management Contract.

Moved: KB; Seconded: STT – ratified
KS abstain;

ST spoke to this report.

The E.C discussed this report. Nigel reminded EC that in the event that funds were needed for the purchase of a property before the redemption date of the investment, there may be a reduced return on the investment.

Report Received

<h2>3. DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET FY2022-23</h2>

FY 22/23 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

Management is looking for E.C feedback on both the Business Plan and Draft Budget which is also sitting with RAF Committee for their feedback.

The E.C discussed the FY 22/23 draft Budget and Business Plan.

The E.C discussed key projects within the Business Plan. Concern was expressed about could we achieve all 19 major projects in next FY. FH spoke about the need to drive real change in CH&W. ST noted he has received feedback from the RAF Committee and if the E.C have anything further to

add please send to ST. The final Business Plan will then come back to E.C for approval in March before the start of the new financial year.

Information Only
Report Received

FY 22/23 DRAFT BUDGET

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

ST spoke to the draft budget.

The E.C discussed the draft budget. SM and NT commented on the budget. NT would like an explanation for the operating deficit and management should aim for an operational breakeven as a number of venue project costs can be capitalized. National show budgets were discussed and all shows should aim for break-even. FCI budget to be updated as numbers look light.

ST & CP to work on a second draft of the budget with the objective of presenting a break even budget.

Moved: CM: Seconded: KB
Report Received

4. IMPORTANT ITEMS

SHOWS UNDER TRAFFICE LIGHT PROTOCOLS REPORT

- **DOG BREEDERS UNITED PRESENTATION**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Background:

Since the Government has introduced the COVID Protocol Frame Work (CPF) Traffic Light System for events Dogs NZ has implemented the following actions:

- Instituted a Mandate that all members and public attending a recognized Dogs NZ Conformation / Agility / Obedience-Dog Training show are required to have a current vaccine certificate.
- Allowed clubs the flexibility to decide if they wish to hold shows under CPF Traffic Light Red as long as they abide by Government directions in planning any show event.
- Updated our current Dogs NZ Management Guidelines for holding events under CPF Red
- Executive Council to forgo any punitive action against Clubs that scheduled their shows but and have had them postponed or cancelled in the 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2022 period.
- All Breed clubs who have not attempted to schedule a championship or open show in the 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2022 period have to make an effort to schedule a show in the remainder of 2022 or any show application for 2023 will be declined.
- Established new flexible National Office protocols for the postponement and or cancellation of shows due to CPF restrictions.

The current restriction of conformation clubs to one champion show and no benefit shows remains in place until 1 April 2023.

It can be expected that the current setting of CPF Red could remain in place until the Government has completed the staged opening of the borders in October. This will have a continued impact on our Clubs and members ability to host and attend shows.

2. Request from Dog Breeders United

The decision to implement a vaccine mandate for Dogs NZ shows has impacted a number of long-time members who do not have a current vaccine certificate.

In the attached email they have made a number of proposals regarding being able to participate in show events or being compensated by membership fee discount.

They would like Council to consider their proposals at the February meeting.

The E.C discussed and NT proposed that all 5 proposals are declined. FH commented that we are abiding by the governments rule. ST to respond to the Dog Breeders United email.

Moved: NT: Seconded: STT – carried
Report Received

CGC ASSESSMENT REVAMP PROPOSALS (AREND VAN DEN BOS PAPER)

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB)

In October of 2020 I was asked by the CGC Committee to conduct a Survey of all CGC Assessors to assess the relevance of the current CGC Exercises in relation to the fact that they reflected current "everyday situations". This was specific in that the CGC Exercises had not undergone any review (and therefore any change) since its initiation approximately twenty-five years previously.

Added to this, was an increasing desire by other Canine Organizations, specifically those who offered specific service training (such as training dogs to assist persons with physical disabilities) and Canine Care Centres (such as those who offered Day Care) to incorporate CGC as part of their own programmes.

I commenced the Survey on 3 November 2020 using Survey Monkey and asked all then current CGC Assessors (of which there were 45) three specific questions about **EACH INDIVIDUAL** CGC Exercise. These being:

- Given that CGC is a programme that tests dogs in "simulated everyday situations", is [this exercise] relevant?
- Is [this exercise] being assessed at the appropriate level?
- Is [this exercise] clearly enough defined to understand what is required?

Each question also provided an opportunity for the respondents to provide further reasoning for their responses.

A total of 23 CGC Assessors responded to the surveys which, to make the task considerably less onerous, were spread over a period, so that respondents were asked to review no more than three exercises weekly. Previous surveys were however left open so that those respondents who did not answer earlier, had an opportunity to do so later.

Following each week's survey, data was collated (and added to in the case of late responses).

Following an entire CGC Level being completed, an analysis of the data was performed, and recommendations based entirely on the feedback proffered by the respondents was presented to

the CGC Committee in the form of suggested changes (where this was strongly suggested) and suggestions for grammatical improvement.

What is being presented to you (EC) now, is the same as that initially presented to the CGC Committee.

Following its receipt, the CGC Committee suggested some additional minor changes (which have now been incorporated) along with a suggestion that it be re-presented to All CGC Assessors for further comment. In the case of the Foundation and Bronze Exercises, this occurred on 12 October 2021. **83%** of those who responded, agreed with the proposed changes, and it was therefore decided that the proposed changes should now be forwarded to the Dogs NZ EC for endorsement.

However, the presentation submitted was found to be in an unsuitable format, and a request for a more appropriate format was made. This re-submission is in response to that request.

BH spoke to this item noting there was a total of 18 responses – 9 for and 9 against.

The E.C discussed the amendments. KS said that the dog training committee would like to say these changes have not had correct consultation. KS also spoke of her concerns about the removal of 2 items in Foundation. These are crucial elements at foundation level as it is all about the dog's temperament.

- 8. Controlled walk through people and distractions
- 10. Meeting a stranger and their dog

The E.C also discussed the stay exercise in CGC Bronze which some believe is no longer legal and the need to update the exercise for modern society.

The E.C adopts all amendments subject to the following changes:

- Review of grammar
- 2 exercises (Controlled walk through people and distractions / Meeting a stranger and their dog) remain in CGC Foundation
- Exercise 13. Tied on a leash is removed from CGC Bronze with a strong recommendation that the committee look at introducing a "being with your dog at a café exercise" to replace it.

Moved: CHAIR:– ratified
Report Received

NDS 2022 SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT & BUDGET

Report provided by Paul Robinson (PR).

2022 NDS Progress Update – prepared by Paul Robinson, BEM (3rd Feb 2022).

Overview

Having received approval from EC to manage and plan the 2022 NDS we have met twice in December and January and have our planning underway and have scheduled a meeting on the 1st March where both the President and DC will be in attendance. The management team for this event is -:

Paul Robinson	-	Event Director
Ray Greer	-	Treasurer
Margaret Wilson	-	Show Manager/Sponsor Liaison
Gael Sharp	-	Facilities Co-Ordinator
Karla Magnus	-	Booking Manager
Rhonda Ward	-	Grooming Space Manager

Bevan Thorby - Parking Manager

The following have agreed to support the event without being part of the NDS management team

Gloria Langdon	-	Trophies & Ribbons
Ken Landon	-	Challenges & Results Co-Ordinator
Rob Ellis		Event Sponsorship
Jean McErlane		Ring Decoration and presentation

Format & Judges

Following selection by the EC panel we now have contracts in place with a panel of four Australian judges. Our New Zealand stakes judge has yet to sign and return her contract. Allocations for all the panel have been completed and the full panel have signed contracts understanding the allocations they have been given. Following discussions with BH I am writing to all the panel and asking them to book their own airfares on the understanding that we will reimburse them for the costs. We are doing this to avoid the potential for Covid cancellations when a booking is made in the name of a specific person as we become locked in to only being able to use that person if a cancellation becomes necessary. Given the uncertainty of overseas Judges to travel if restrictions are in place, we are asking our panel not to book until after we make a final call on the 1st July. Should they not be able to visit we support the appointment of a New Zealand panel to ensure we can get this event underway after this lengthy delay. We also believe that a call on the 1st July to proceed with the contracted panel will give us the ability to stall payments to attempt to avoid unnecessary expenses in a range of areas.

The format for the event will be the running of NDS and a prelude show in tandem over Wednesday – Saturday in the indoor venue with potential to run specialty shows in the outdoor arena, throughout the NDS period and in 5 indoor rings we will make available in the evenings. We will also schedule a Sunday show (Encore) using our NDS panel for four groups and BIS and using three judges obtained through the specialty clubs, giving us a judge for every group. The intention being to conclude the Sunday show at an earlier finish time to allow exhibitors to travel home after the show. The plan does not include the obedience discipline based upon their previous advice that without subsidies from the NDS show they cannot run their events to break even. A scaled layout plan of the event is attached.

The shows will all follow the group placing system and following approval by EC we will include the Spey and Neuter classes. Given the time span from the show start to In show judging we have determined that Spey & Neuter will have Group and Reserve awards, at the group level however for In Show judging we will follow the group placing system (1-4). This will avoid reserves needing to present for BIS judging.

Budgeting and Finances

A budget for NDS 2022 has been submitted to the treasurer. The budget is preliminary as we are in the process of confirming and updating several costs that are based upon the 2020 quotes received. We will update the budgeted figures once we receive updated quotes. We have budgeted entries for both the NDS and Ardmore shows at 1100 entries, 200 entries for stakes classes and 800 entries for the Encore (Sunday) show. Pending confirmation of several areas of costs the current budget shows an overall profit of \$-588. We have included a budget line for Live Streaming of the NDS finals day on Saturday (\$10,000), Sponsorship contribution from our national sponsors for a cash allocation of \$25,000 and a cap on EC costs of \$10,000. We have budgeted to achieve cash sponsorship from additional sponsors of \$5000 which will be a difficult ask. Rob Ellis is seeking to achieve this funding support. We have gone to market to seek quotations for all of the external costs, and I anticipate that we will produce an updated and accurate budget by mid-march.

EC Duties and Responsibilities

We would appreciate confirmation of the number of EC members who will require accommodation for the NDS period to enable us to book accommodation for them and our judges ASAP. Our

intention is to accommodate all in a hotel where breakfast and dinner will be served. Lunches will be provided at the Ardmore site during the show period. We have asked Margaret Wilson to communicate directly with EC members to develop a firm duty roster to assist us in planning duties and tasks.

Request for Financial support from DNZ

We are conscious that throughout most of the developed world it has now become common practice to have finals day live streamed and promoted to showcase the major events in various countries. NDS has not previously funded this service however we believe it is an essential cost and service that our National event should incorporate into our operating expenses. Given the potential audience and exposure that coverage will deliver we believe that this cost should be covered by our national body. We are awaiting a second comparative quote but the price we currently have is \$8,614 which provides three cameras and full coverage of the entire finals program. We are requesting financial support from DNZ to cover the live streaming costs.

In discussion about our photography needs we have become aware that DNZ have previously, during the employment period of Peter Dunn, funded costs associated with ensuring that the event is fully photographed by covering supporting photographers. This was funded in recognition of the requirement to photograph all Best of Breed winners, for posting on the DNZ page, the taking and posting of all group awards and all In Show awards. The photographer also provides images for all results that are published in the Dog World that features the NDS. The photographer does not get any direct payment for the volume of images that are taken and provided to DNZ free of charge. On average this equates to 7 Groups x 9 classes 63 photos x 2 shows 126, 9 In Shows x 2 shows = 18 and 10 extras (officials, opening, judges,). This requires the photographer to provide 154 images @ \$20.00 = \$3080. Assuming a 20% bulk order discount of \$616 this would mean that at market rates this would cost DNZ a total of \$2464. We are requesting financial support of \$2000 from DNZ. Our management group have confirmed SupaShots as our primary photographer and agreed to fund up to \$2000 to support the business securing the support photographers needed to ensure adequate coverage.

NT spoke to this item and noted the budget needs to be rejigged in today's current climate as the expected exhibitor numbers look to high. NT questioned if the Marque was required and noted that costs were not covered by revenue. E.C. discussed the request for funding to cover the live streaming and photographer costs.

BH noted that he and ST are meeting with the NDS Committee on Tuesday and will discuss E.C. concerns about the current budget and the request for additional funding.

KS asked why Dog Training was unable to attend NDS. The E.C backs the NDS Committee 2022 decision noting the difficulty to hold both sports in the venue at the same time and that NZDOA is scheduled to be held in the same venue a fortnight before NDS.

BH asked for those E.C members that are attending. NT no; SM yes; STT yes; JB yes; FH no; CM yes if required; KB no; DH yes; KS no;

Moved: BH – ratified
Report Received

MASSEY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH MOU FINAL APPROVAL

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

At the November E.C. meeting it was agreed that a second draft would go to CH&W for review before coming back to the February meeting for ratification. Massey University are happy with the 2ND draft MOU and have returned it signed.

FH gave feedback from CH&W, noting potential member concern re: data privacy, composition of the working party, publication of research results that could be unfavourable to breeders and potential ongoing CH&W involvement.

ST responded advising this is just signing of MoU, both parties commit to developing more detailed working group and communication plans once the MOU is signed.

The E.C agreed to give the director Secretary approval to sign the MoU.

Moved: CM: Seconded: KB – ratified
Report Received

5. REGULATIONS

REGISTRY REGULATION 6.7 DECISION – CHANGE OF DOG OWNERSHIP:

BH spoke to this item.

The lawyer representing the breeder is drafting a legal contract which will allow the current guardian of the dog to enter it into shows without any restrictions while the breeder retains any breeding rights.

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MULTI SIRED LITTERS (CH&W PROPOSAL)

Report provided by Fiona Hodgson (FH).

Draft Regulation for multiple sired litters:

8.5 Multiple Sired Litters

8.5.1 General provisions for Multiple Sired Litters

8.5.1.1 Any breeder who has either intentionally or unintentionally used multiple sires over a bitch must, when applying to register the resultant litter, submit the following documents together with the Combined Certificate of Service and Litter Notification Forms:

- i. DNA Test certificate in respect of each of the sires used identified by microchip;
- ii. DNA Test certificate in respect of the dam of the litter identified by microchip;
- iii. DNA Test certificates in respect of each puppy in the litter which are all required to be tested at the same time and identified by microchip
- iv. DNA testing must be completed by the same laboratory for all possible parents as well as the puppies.
- v. It is strongly recommended that DNA profiles be obtained from all possible sires prior to the mating being completed.

8.5.2 General provisions for Multiple Sired Litters by Frozen Semen

8.5.1.1 The owner of any bitch who has been artificially inseminated with semen from multiple sires must, when applying to register the resultant litter, submit the following documents together with the Combined Certificate of Service and Litter Notification Forms:

- i. DNA Test certificate in respect of each of the sires used identified by microchip (where possible);
- ii. DNA Test certificate in respect of the dam of the litter identified by microchip;

- iii. DNA Test certificates in respect of each puppy in the litter which are all required to be tested at the same time and identified by microchip.

8.5.1.2 Registration of the litter concerned will be processed based on the results provided in the DNA test results.

8.5.1.3 Where testing of one of the sires in a multiple sired litter fails, these puppies can be registered by exclusion of the DNA testing of the other possible sires.

8.5.1.4 Where previous DNA testing has not been completed, it is not recommended to use frozen semen from two separate sires in case the DNA testing of both (or multiple) sires fails, unless there is additional semen available for repeat testing. If parentage of puppies cannot be proven then pups are unable to be registered.

FH spoke to this item. The E.C discussed the draft regulation for multiple sired litters and passed the regulation.

Moved: FH: Seconded: KB – ratified
STT and NT abstain against

Report Received

SCENT WORK REGULATION

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB)

Due to the urgency in needing to re-establish original intent, is requested by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee that the following two Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations submitted to the Dogs NZ EC be considered with priority and, if endorsed, be recorded as being effective immediately.

Alternatively, effective from 1st March 2022 (all changes in **Red**).

1. Delete:

~~6.3.1 Scent Work Novice (SN)~~

~~A total of Six Novice Scent Detection Certificates is required to achieve this Title.~~

~~No more than two Novice container Certificates (one of each configuration) may be counted towards this Title.~~

~~In Addition, a further four Scent Detection Certificates (in a minimum of two classes), in the remaining four classes, under at least two different Judges, may after endorsement by Dogs New Zealand, add the letters SN after its name.~~

And replace with:

6.3.1 Scent Work Novice (SN)

In order to obtain Scentwork Novice (SN) a dog must have attained the award of NCS and a further four (4) Scent Detection Certificates from at least two (2) of Novice Interior, Novice Exterior and/or Novice Vehicle Searches, under at least two (2) different judges.

Rationale:

As it is currently worded, participants can earn a Title had always been intended to be more difficult to achieve and therefore of a higher status.

As a comparison, the current wording allows participants who have achieved a "Best of Group" in a Conformation Show to be recognized as a higher achiever than the person who gets "Best In Show".

2. Delete:

10.5.1 Collar or Harness

~~For the duration of the Scent Work Trial, all dogs must always be wearing either a harness and/or collar and be on a long line. Any form of slip, electronic, prong or odour emitting collars are strictly prohibited, as is the use of halties.~~

And replace with:

10.6.1 Collar or Harness

For the duration of the Scent Work Trial, all dogs must always be wearing either a harness and/or collar ~~(but not both)~~ and be on a long line. Any form of slip, electronic, prong or odour omitting collars are strictly prohibited, as is the use of halties.

Rationale:

The proposed wording was correctly worded in the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations effective from 1 June 2021. However, the next version of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations contained an older (and replaced) version of the same regulation without having been requested to do so.

The E.C discussed and approved the Scent Work Regulation amendments.

Moved: BH – Approved
Report Received

6. COMPLAINTS/DISPUTES

SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES (DECISION REQUIRED)

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: Recommendation for Kennel Name Suspension

3 Kennel names were suspended under Registry Regulation 6.5 for failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1 after receiving the final 28 day late warning.

Moved: DH; Seconded; CM – approved
Report Received

DISPUTES UPDATE REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

Executive Council approved the Director Secretary to suspend a kennel name if the breeder fails to provide a requested DNA test to resolve an outstanding registration complaint.

Moved: JB; Seconded; KB – ratified
Report Received

CH&W CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES

Report provided by Lauren James (LJ) on recent Breeders Code of Conduct Breaches and applicable fines.

- **BCOC FEE INCREASE**

FH spoke to the item noting the rationale behind the fee increase. A number of breeders were deciding to pay the current fine rather than adhere to the Breeders Code of Conduct. The E.C noted that if this fee increase does not improve Breeders compliance we will revisit this fee in 12months time and potentially increase the fee to be per puppy.

Moved: BH – adopted
Report Received

- **BCOC FINE APPEAL**

The E.C discussed an appeal from a breeder and a number of recommendations were made to the Director Secretary.

5. OFFICE REPORTS (READ ONLY)

DIRECTOR SECRETARY REPORT

6. REGISTRY ONLINE STATS

7. NZ DOGS WORLD / DOG IE NEWS STATS

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – FY 2021-22

With the Strategic Plan focusing on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporated into our annual business plans, 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 remaining 2 months of the year as we enter a new financial year in which will have a focus on building new membership service delivery models and potential new revenue streams.

Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs

Our current focus with Purina is.

Strategy Planning for FY 2022-23

We held a one day strategy planning session with the Purina team in November which focused on 4 main projects to assist members and clubs by improving our delivery of membership services and support to grow our dog training activities.

These projects are detailed on page 17 of the Draft Business plan and we are in discussion with Purina to confirm the distribution of the Sponsorship budget for FY2022-23.

Club Tool Box Project

Launch of Tool Box is delayed while we resolve club sign-on protocols with POS maker. Our plan is to use the FCI show in April as a demonstration of the use of the Tool Box to promote our shows and activities.

Strategic Priority: Registry Development

We are in the process of completing the last of the registry automation tasks (Frozen semen, Dog Transfers) before focusing our attention on automation of our membership services. Completion of 2nd phase of FCI show programme will start in March if the South Island April show is still scheduled to go ahead.

Our key goal for the year is once we have completed the automation of the membership services to disestablish the old platform and have all our registry / membership services operating from the new web based platform.

Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training

As detailed in the Business Plan this is a key project for the year where we will launch our Dog Training Enrolment Programme and incentivise clubs to adopt the enrolment programme with subsidised "Train the Trainers" sessions and regional workshops.

Wide spread adoption of the Dog Training Enrolment Programme will allow us to develop a new database of dog lovers to promote our activities to and potential revenue stream from a dog training levy which we can recycle into supporting more "train the trainers" programmes.

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

Media Activities:

In the New Year I have been interviewed by the media for two stories. A journalist from The Spin Off web news site is writing a story on the popularity of cross-breeds such as doodles compared to pedigree dogs. Seven Sharp TV programme is also interested in a story on the increasing price of puppies and popularity of dog ownership.

It was an opportunity to use Becky Murphy's expertise to deal with the myth that cross breeds have better health outcomes, and Barbara Crocker (President Dominion Poodle Club) to present the views of pedigree dog breeders. My contribution focused on the important message of doing your homework both on the breed and breeder and the benefits of buying from a Dogs NZ registered breeder (BCOC, LRL-Health testing).

Government Advocacy

At a recent Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ) Board meeting SPCA Chief Scientist Arnja Dale updated us on the December meeting that they had with Minister of Primary Industry's Damion O'Connor where they presented the Minister with a Companion Animals Breeder Policy proposal doc.

The document contained a number of legislation proposals to give more teeth to the SPCA Inspectorate teams so they can deal more effectively with the worst of the "back yard breeders."

This is the first stage in what Arnja believes will be a 2 year process to shape new legislation for companion animal breeders and once they have the first response back from the Ministers office they will start to involve organisations like Dogs NZ & the Cat Breeders organisation in the policy mix.

Arnja & CANZ Chair Natalie Warren also updated the board on NAWAC who are reviewing their current scope of work and there is a push within the committee (lead by the likes of Arnja & Natalie) to increase the focus on companion animals. For the past 2-3 years they have been very focused on production animals but that could start to change.

Once we have appointed our new CH&W officer we will arrange an update presentation on Dogs NZ Health initiatives to NAWAC committee.

2. Key National Office Activities

Office Relocation & Handover of 11 Prosser St

Final key handover to RJH was completed in January after we removed the last of the rubbish skips. We are now out of Prosser St and Facility Manager Mark Nunn has gone back into retirement.

Two containers with show gear and facility equipment are now stored at the Carltons property on the Kapiti Coast and all registry and museum files are in long term storage with Freear Phillips in their Wellington facility.

Staff have settled into the office and we have the erection off the exterior band signage & the interior picture displays to be completed.

The E.C discussed the Director Secretary report including the October dog registrations and NZ Dog World & DogiE News statistics.

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MEMBERS AND CLUBS REPORT

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

FEBRUARY 2022 CLUB REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Club Accounts

Three clubs have not paid their annual subscription. They were posted a copy of the invoice and a letter in December 2021 requesting payment or their club would be removed from the list of Dogs NZ clubs.

No response was received from these clubs and, with the approval of the Executive Council as per the Minutes of November 2021 meeting, Australian Kelpie Club, French Bulldog Society and Sighthound Field Coursing Club have been removed from the list of clubs.

Change of Name – Rotorua Dog Obedience Club

This club has advised that the name of the club has been changed to Rotorua Dog Training Club. They further advise that this name change has already been made with the Companies Office. This has been done to reflect that the club undertakes Obedience as well as Agility and CGC.

Recommend that the name of the club be amended in Dogs NZ records to Rotorua Dog Training Club.

Moved: KS; Seconded: KB– adopted

Southern Bouvier Club and Bouvier des Flandres Club

Notification has been received that the Southern Bouvier Club and Bouvier des Flandres Club held a Special General meetings on 24 October 2021 where it was voted to amalgamate the two Clubs under the Bouvier des Flandres Club given that club has associated status. They also voted to adopt a new constitution (which has been provided to Dogs NZ and is a standard constitution).

They advise that the amalgamation will see the Club having 21 members, 6 being on the committee plus booster the account with just over \$1300.00 from the Southern Bouvier Club.

Recommend that the amalgamation of the two clubs as Bouvier des Flandres Club be approved and the Southern Bouvier Club be removed from the list of Dogs NZ clubs.

Moved: KB; Seconded: JB– adopted

Recognition of New Club – Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club

Dogs NZ has received a request for the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club be accepted as a Recognised Club by Dogs NZ in accordance with rule 10 of the NZKC Rules.

They have provided the following in support of their application -

1. It was formed as a club on 1 July 2021.

2. It has been operating a club bank account since that date.
3. Current membership of the club is 20 members; this includes Family members, so the total number of people belonging to the club is 34.
4. A copy of the club's constitution, as adopted at the inaugural meeting of the club on 13 May 2021 (*standard constitution nothing unusual*).
5. The executive of the club's committee consists of:

President - Gary Houghton, Vice-President - Michelle Lynch. Secretary - Kim Jones, Treasurer - Matthew Pedley

There have been 4 litters notified and a total of 32 puppies registered with Dogs NZ since 2018.

Recommend that Nova Scotia Dog Tolling Retriever Club be recognised.

Moved: JB; Seconded: CM – adopted

Otago/Southland Hound Club – Critiques

The Otago/Southland Hound Club has published their schedule in February 2022 NZ Dog World and included "Critiques available post show for Champ Show BOB and ROB".

I have written to the secretary of the club advising that critiques can only be given to Multibreed and Specialist Clubs and not Group (and All Breed) Clubs.

I have received a response from the club which says -

"In view that shows are difficult to gain entries at the moment the club would like to be able to offer a critique for all best of breed and reserve of breed winners for the Hound Club Champ Show. We felt this was a good opportunity to focus on the breeds for exhibitors. This is also a great learning experience to help our up and coming judges to understand specific breed virtues and attributes. Betty Hanson has been offered and accepted the appointment as she has recently received her hound licence.

We understand that we are a group club, not a specialist or multi breed club and do we sit outside this regulation? If our request is not covered within this regulation could we seek consideration and a review to have critiquing allowed for our group show in this instance.

With the borders being closed we would like to offer critiquing as a way of enticing more entries and giving back to exhibitors. Also, with judges not being able to travel this would support their development and learning with critiquing locally and would align with FCI requirements of critiquing when required in the future.

It is the general consensus of the committee that we would like to be able to offer critiques

I was speaking to Lavina Diamanti from the Judges Association yesterday about this situation and she said that this thinking should be put forward in terms of future thinking for judges development and exhibitors.

I also spoke to the president of the OSHC – Erik Oostendorp and he also would like to have the opportunity to have critiques provided at the show – Only for BOB and ROB dogs. We are only expecting an entry of 50 dogs so it will not be a large show by no means. Also with the pandemic at its height we may not even go ahead yet. "

Robert Manning Committee member Otago/Southland Hound Club.

The E.C move that we decline the request.

Moved: KB; Seconded: FH – declined

Shows/Events Update

With the country now in the Red Traffic Light for COVID some clubs have managed to hold their shows – these are mainly specialist breed clubs. All Breed Clubs have postponed their shows, some of them now for the third time. There is a mixture of rescheduling and wait-and-see so not all have applied for new dates yet.

Most requests for new breed show dates have been able to be accommodated but some months are completely full with shows every weekend.

There have only been a couple of cancellations or postponements for Obedience.

Agility is operating under the first 100 entries and this appears to be enabling their events to proceed.

Report Received

DOGS ON REPORT

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

DOGS ON REPORT – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2022

Again a number of dogs being placed on report. Several of the observers (some of them judges themselves) at breed shows that have managed to hold shows have made comment that there appears to be a general lack of attention been shown both by handlers and by judges at the moment. Everyone seems to have relaxed to the degree that they are not keeping an eye on the dogs being handled by them or being presented to them for judging.

There are also a number of young dogs that have little or no show experience due to COVID and cancellation and/or postponement of shows over the last 23 months and both handlers and judges appear not to be taking this into account.

Thornvale Illidan Scout JD RN 05675-2014 Border Collie owned by M Paterson

This dog, which was on report for an incident with another dog at Zone 5 Games Event on 10 July 2021, has completed 6 observations without incident.

The endorsement has been removed from the Dogs NZ records and the owner advised.

SPR CH Martyn Big Bad Wolf 00424-2016 Dobermann owned by M Armit

This dog was placed on report for an incident outside the ring at Tokoroa Dog Training Club's Agility Ribbon trial on 16 May 2021.

The dog has completed the required observations, the endorsement has been removed from Dogs NZ records and the owner advised.

Mistymoor Shining Light At Willowrose 01263-2021 Golden Retriever owned by D Tonkin

The female Golden Retriever was on report after being excused from the ring by the judge for aggressive behaviour at Hutt Valley Kennel Centre's' Championship show on 3 April 2021.

The dog has completed the required observations, the endorsement has been removed from Dogs NZ records and the owner advised.

Sandyridge Perfect Criminal 03110-2020 Rhodesian Ridgeback owned by P Boyes

This male Rhodesian Ridgeback, on report for an incident at Rotorua Kennel Association's shows in May 2021, has been shown and observed for 4 shows with no incidents reported.

Perpetual Dashing Due 08139-2018 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel RN owned by S Wright

This dog, which is on report for aggressive behaviour towards the judge at Kapi-Mana Kennel Society's Championship show on 28 April 2019, was entered in two breed shows recently but the owner decided to scratch the dog and has decided to focus on Rally-O and CGC.

Ottadale River Tweed Star ADXB 03069-2015 Border Terrier owned by R Baker

This female Border Terrier has completed the 6 Agility observations required after an incident at Tauranga Dog Training Club & Mt Maunganui Dog Training Club's Championship Agility Events on 7 & 8 March 2020.

The endorsement has been removed from Dogs NZ records and the owner advised.

Gesundheit Mi Amigo 00800-2021 French Bulldog owned by E Tooth

The male French Bulldog is on report for an incident at Manawatu Kennel Association's show held on 15 January 2022 when it attacked another dog outside the ring and the owner of that dog was injured whilst attempting to separate the two dogs.

The owner of the other dog, a Chow Chow, was bitten and had surgery on her hand and was hospitalised for several days.

According to witness reports, it appears that the French Bulldog escaped his crate and attacked the Chow Chow which has just been walked by its owner and was being put away in his crate. The owner of the French Bulldog has advised that he did not witness the incident and regrets the incident very much.

The dog has been suspended from showing for 2 months and then is required to provide proof of any training undertaken and steps to ensure that there is no repeat behaviour before the dog can enter shows in the future.

Veloz Thong Sauteur OB/8505 NZ Heading Dog owned by B Thomson

This male NZ Heading Dog is on report for showing aggressive behaviour to the owner/handler at Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club's Championship Agility & Jumpers Events on 23/21 November 2021. This behaviour was reported by one of the judges officiating at the event and witnessed by two other persons.

The judge spoke to the owner of the dog on the day and suggested that the owner get professional help for the dog. The judge felt that the behaviour required an official report to Dogs NZ.

The dog has been placed on report for aggression towards a person and not the more serious attack of a person under Show Regulations.

Agility Committee have been advised and will be arranging for observations.

NINA OB/9189 Huntaway/Heading Dog Cross owned by J Gregory

This female Huntaway/Heading Dog Cross was reported by the show manager of Feilding Dog Training Club at their Championship Jumpers Event on 9 October 2021 of showing aggression towards another dog. The dog was reported to have finished its run then ran out of the holding area into another ring and was aggressive towards another dog in that ring.

The dog was now completed all 6 observations with no problems reported by the observers. The owner has been advised and the endorsement removed from the dog's records.

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8. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

BREED STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (MH).

1. Merle Great Danes

The committee considered the submissions received following the advertisement placed in the November Dog World.

Most of the submissions made the case for no changes to the current Standard and were against the move to the FCI Standard. This was also the position of The Great Dane Club.

The committee are therefore of the opinion:

Recommendation 1

That the change to the current standard to allow the exhibition of Merle Great Danes is declined

Recommendation 2

That a change to the FCI Standard be declined.

Moved: NT; Seconded: FH – carried

2. Rhodesian Ridgeback

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Association has applied to change our current Standard to the FCI standard for the breed.

It is noted that this Standard, FCI # 146, states that the "Standard supplied by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa and the Zimbabwe Kennel Club".

As Southern Africa is the region of origin and development of the breed the committee is of a mind to accept the recommended change.

Recommendation 7

That committee proposes that the New Zealand Standard of the Rhodesian Ridgeback be changed to FCI-Standard N° 146 as requested by The Rhodesian Ridgeback Association

Recommendation 8

That this change be advertised in the next available Dog World and any submissions or comments to be sent to the Director/Secretary before any final decision is made.

Moved: JB; Seconded: KB – carried
Report Received

FORRESTER PARK COMMITTEE

Report provided by Nigel Trainor (NT).

Benefit Shows:

We are just over a week away from the Benefit Shows, this has been a challenging time with the majority of judges having to be changed with a reluctance of judges to accept the appointments.

Entries for the show at low at 231, it is clear that the Forrester Park venue is not well considered by exhibitors, both the hall and grounds. Add to this the limited parking and the fact that cars cannot go onto the park. This makes it difficult for all clubs in Dunedin to attract entries over the 250.

Since we lost the lease of the land (park) it has mainly become a dog exercise park and together with the land movement from the settling of the tip and the rabbit diggings, the standard of surface has deteriorated.

Hall:

The hall continues to require work and in the 2022/23 year the following two issues are the priority:

1. The roof is leaking and will need to be repaired, the roof also has white rust, which indicate the galvanising on the corrugated iron is being eroded
2. The storm water and spouting system needs to be repaired and redirected.

Eventually the kitchen will require a refit, at the moment it is cramped and not up to standard for a kitchen in which goods are produced and sold from.

We are replacing the locks with an electronic system to record whom is entering the building and when, at present there are too many keys in circulation.

It is fair to say that the hall has good usage during the week and is a valued asset for small scale events, but when it comes to Championship shows and trials it leaves a lot to be desired.

Finances:

We are putting forward a budget with a loss, this is to pay for the maintenance and repairs as mentioned above.

We are also looking at the charging costs to come up with a scheme that is fairer to all users of the hall.

The E.C discussed and noted the Forrester Park report

Moved: NT; Seconded: JB - carried
Report Received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Report provided by Fiona Hodgson (FH).

The Canine Health and Welfare committee has had two meetings since the previous EC meeting and has completed some projects which have been under construction for a wee while.

There were a few regulation changes arising out of the discussion – these include (details attached)

- Multiple sires – Finally sorted
- Recommended BCOC Fines update

The LRL for Dachshunds has been progressed and is out for confirmation.

As Lorelle has resigned from her position with NZVA, she has come off our committee as well so we are awaiting the nomination for her replacements.

We are seeing a number of applications for dispensation for older bitches and for litters above 4. We have discovered a hole in the system where imported dogs may have produced litters overseas and this is something we would like to close. We would like the NZ owner to request the information from the jurisdiction the dog is being exported from and provide it to Dogs NZ so we can close this gap with minimum work.

The CH&W committee would like to improve our communication with breeders and reduce the “big stick” stuff with better communication and encourage breeders to engage. To this end we would like to start a regular column in the Dog World. This is seen as a more conversational communication with an outline of what the hot topics are and generally keeping everyone up to speed with things.

The committee discussed the recent developments in Norway and are keen to pre-empt this with some detail on how issues in the breeds are being addressed and/or checked for in NZ. A task force to put together some information has been developed and we will put the info to Brian before it goes anywhere.

We discussed the position of Canine Health and Welfare officer at length, and we have made some notes as to what the committee believes would yield the best results for Dogs NZ and our breeders.

So all in all there is plenty going on, but the committee is working well together, and everyone is providing really positive input which makes it for a very pleasant committee to be a part of.

The E.C discussed and noted the Canine Health and Welfare Committee report. FH noted that the committee had drafted an article for NZ Dog World on the importance of having a CH&W Committee and role it can play to support breeders.

Moved: FH; Seconded: KB - carried
Report Received

LRL's Report

LRLs

A *English Springer Spaniels*

As there was no dedicated English Springer Spaniel Club three breeders/owners of registered English Springer Spaniels proposed the development of a Litter Registration Limitation Scheme for the breed. Their proposal included their required tests. Dr Becky Murphy drafted Registration Regulations to suit, after researching all requested tests to assure they meet Dogs New Zealand's LRL requirements. The

draft Registration Regulations were approved by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee and then sent to the breeders/owners for approval, who have since confirmed the Registration Regulations meet their requirements.

The draft Registration Regulations are attached. Approval is sought from EC to progress the proposal.

B *Dachshunds*

The office received a proposal for the development of a Litter Registration Limitation Scheme for all six varieties of Dachshund from the Canterbury Dachshund Club. Their proposal included their required tests. Dr Becky Murphy drafted Registration Regulations to suit, after researching all requested tests to assure they meet Dogs New Zealand's LRL requirements. The draft Registration Regulations were amended and then approved by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee and then sent to the Canterbury Dachshund Club for approval. Approval has not yet been received.

C *Samoyeds*

The Samoyed Health Group (comprising representatives from all three breed specialist clubs) submitted a proposal for the development of a Litter Registration Limitation Scheme for their breed. Their proposal included their required tests. Dr Becky Murphy drafted Registration Regulations to suit, after researching all requested tests to assure they meet Dogs New Zealand's LRL requirements. The draft Registration Regulations were approved by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee and then sent to the Samoyed Health Group representative for approval. Approval has not yet been received.

D *German Shepherds*

The proposed Litter Registration Limitation Scheme for German Shepherds was published in the March and April 2021 NZ Dog World editions. Few German Shepherd owners/breeders had made submissions and the committee agreed that further comment should be sought by re-advertising the proposal in NZ Dog World.

The E.C. discussed the report from Lauren James. The desire of E.C is for more clubs and breeds to adopt LRL's as the focus of animal welfare groups turns on dog breeding. The E.C. can see a time when it will be compulsory health testing for all dog breeding and it was important that Dogs NZ continued to expand the LRL programme. A statement from E.C. should be included in the next NZ Dog World. FH believes that current LRL process needs to be fine-tuned. ST to forward all current procedure documents to FH.

Motion: That a prospective list of at risk / most popular breeds be prepared by CH&W committee, together with an action plan for these breeds to adopt an LRL.

Moved: ST; Seconded: KS - carried

Proposed Registration Regulations

10. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION IN CERTAIN BREEDS

- 10.25 English Springer Spaniel
- 10.25.1 For all English Springer Spaniel litters born on and after July 1st, 2022 as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I or III, the following shall apply;
- 10.25.2 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.
- 10.25.3 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for hip dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

- Any parent whelped before July 1st, 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 10.25.4 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for elbow dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before July 1st, 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 10.25.5 The Sire and Dam of every litter must hold a current annual eye certificate from an approved eye examiner and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before July 1st, 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.
- 10.25.6 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA fucosidosis status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.
- 10.25.7 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA phosphofructokinase (PFK) status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.
- 10.25.8 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA progressive retinal atrophy cord1 (PRA Cord1) status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.
- 10.25.9 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be DNA tested to determine DNA acral mutilation syndrome (AMS) status by an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

Please note: The CHWC note that the Members who submitted the LRL request asked for some tests to be 'optional'. All LRL Registration Regulations must be mandatory. Therefore the Committee recommend that these proposed RRs are included in the survey as drafted to see if the required >75% participant support exists for the test.

Proposed Registration Regulations – English Springer Spaniels

Subject to change of date in 10.25.1 to 1 January 2023.

Moved: FH; Seconded: KB - carried

Motion: The LRL Regulations be sent to all Spaniel Cubs for adoption

Moved: NT; Failed due to no seconder

NZVA CAV Nomination to Canine Health & Welfare

The E.C. discussed recommendation from the Director Secretary to accept the nomination from NZVA-CAV.

Motion: That E.C. accepts the nomination of Dr Becky Murphy as the NZVA-CAV nomination until such time as they make a full time NZVA-CAV vet appointment. which is currently at the recruitment stage.

Moved: BH - carried

DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE

Report provided by Chair Karen Sadler (KS).

1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings

A meeting was held on the 15th and 16th January 2022.

2. National Dog Show 2022 Auckland

Obedience and Rally O would certainly like a presence at this show. Sue Howe happy to be the contact in Auckland. Is Paul Robinson still the contact for this, if so can Karen Sadler please have his contact details to discuss inclusion of obedience, working trials and Rally O.

3. National Dog Obedience Assembly

NDOA will be at Ardmore over Labour weekend 2022.

4. Judge Appointments and Promotions

The following people have been approved for appointment or promotion on the judges' panels by the Dog Training committee:

- Jenny Burn 073171 from the obedience ribbon trial panel to Beginners/Novice obedience Champ panel
- Clive Bushell 092597 from Test B panel to championship Test C Panel
- Jeff Walkington – Test A to Test B Champion Obedience

We now seek ratification for these judges from EC.

Moved: KS; Seconded: KB - carried

5. February Discussion items

Have now been sent out to clubs and members for discussion. Among these items is the make up of the Dog Training committee.

6. Deputy Region Representatives

The Call for nominations needs to go out in dog world and Doggie news as these positions need to be voted on in April. (Action needed)

7. Rally O

Discussion item sent out re make up of Dog training committee before we consider the future of Rally O subcommittee. In the meantime a call for a central region Rally O rep needs to go out into the dog world and Doggie news.

8. Selling a License to run shows Obedience/Rally O/Scenwork. Where's this at now.

9. Domestic Dog Training conference proposed dates now 3rd and 4th December 2022 venue to be confirmed

Dog training committee are working on this but would need to be a summer venture now as we no longer have a venue in the central region to hold it. DTC are asking clubs if they would be prepared to subsidise their members to attend. Looking at venues at present.

10. Top 20 Obedience dog in Dog World and online points with no reward money involved has this been done yet?

11. Dog Trainers certification system:

Dog Training Committee want to get this up and running and are happy to work with Dog Trainers association NZ and companion animals to do so.

12. CGC Proposed changes need to be sent out to all assessors and CGC clubs. It should not just go on Doggie news! Also the survey results need to be sent out to all assessors and CGC clubs as well. (Action needed)

13. FCI Obedience we are still looking into this.

14. Wellington Canine Obedience Club have applied to change of status to championship obedience society. (action needed)

15. Dog Training committee feels that endurance training would best sit under agility or Sled dogs as hard canine fitness is more important for their codes.

16. Can Geoff Collins please have access to the website fully so we can make some changes to the obedience website. To change name and photos etc.

The E.C discussed the report. KS strongly emphasised the desire of the Dog Training Committee for all GCG survey results to be sent out to all assessors & CGC Clubs. ST to check with the membership manager on status of Wellington Canine Obedience and to bring it to the April E.C. meeting for ratification. ST informed E.C. that the work required to re-establish the Top 20 Championship will be discussed at the next IT Scope of Work meeting.

Moved: KS; Seconded: KB; - carried
Report Received

SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

1. Scent Work Committee

Maree Boreham resigned from the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee on 1st December 2021. Subsequently, with the endorsement of the remaining Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee members, Shiree Brockie from Central Search Dogs was approached with an invitation to fill the vacancy for the remaining appointed time (till June 1, 2022). Shiree has accepted our invitation and her appointment is now conditional on Dogs EC endorsement.

Appointment of Shiree Brockie to Scent Work Committee

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH; - carried

2. Scent Work Committee Administration

Due to the International spread of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, administrative matters are conducted electronically and through Zoom meetings. The last Zoom meeting for the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee was held on 8 December 2021 and the next is scheduled for 20 February 2022.

Since the last EC meeting, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee has dealt with:

- * Subsequent to several qualifying Scent Work Trials now having been conducted, a loophole in the requirements to attain Dogs NZ Scent Work Awards and Titles has been revealed. An urgent consideration of adopting revised wording for a specific Regulation (6.3.1) to correct this was passed on to our EC Representative with the hope that it could be effective from 1st January 2022. However, we were subsequently advised that the matter would not be addressed until the February 2022 EC meeting.
- * Another urgent matter brought to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee was an incorrect transference of the wording to Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulation 10.6.1 (formerly 10.5.1). Prior to June 1st, 2021, a participating dog was not permitted to wear both a collar and harness during a Scent Work Search. However, from 1st June 2021, following previously acquired EC approval, a combination was permitted, and the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations subsequently reflected this. Regrettably, the latest version of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations (effective from January 1st, 2022) reverted to the earlier pre-amended wording, which has caused considerable angst among many Scent Work participants (and officials).
- * The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee received permission to host Qualifying Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trials from the following Dogs NZ Societies:
 - o North Shore Dog Training Club (5th February 2022) - Approved

- Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club (6th February 2022) - Approved
- Southern Scent Work Club (28/29 May 2022) - Approved
- All Breeds Dog Training Club (17/18 April 2022) – Approved
- Southland Kennel Association (17/18 April 2022) - Approved

3. Scent Work Committee Voting

Since the last EC Meeting, eight Scent Work matters have been required to be voted upon. These were:

- Simplification of the Scent Work Entry Form (Unanimously rejected).
- Deletion to appoint Hide Stewards. (Unanimously rejected). *Some modification to this requirement was however accepted and will be reflected in proposed regulation presented to the April EC meeting.*
- Continued use of a “contaminated area”. (Unanimously rejected).
- Area sizes to be de-regulated. (Unanimously rejected).
- Time warnings to remain optional or compulsory. (Unanimously agreed to allow it to remain optional).
- Officiating Scent Work Judges to become responsible for the provision of distractions (Unanimously Agreed) *An appropriate amendment for affected Regulation shall be presented to the April EC meeting.*
- Requirement for teams to cross a defined start line. (Unanimously Agreed) *An appropriate amendment for affected Regulation shall be presented to the April EC meeting.*
- Allowance to permit unlimited entries. i.e., not restricting a maximum eighty entries for each judge. (Unanimously rejected).

4. Appointment of Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee is currently processing ten Scent Work Judges applications. This includes:

- One application for promotion.
- Three applications for additional Class appointment(s).
- Six applications for First Appointment onto a Dogs NZ Novice Scent Work Panel.

Each application is being processed in accordance with the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations.

Appointment of Jo Miller to Novice Exterior & Vehicle Panels.

Moved: KB; Seconded: FH - carried

5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.

Since the last report submitted to Dogs NZ for their November EC meeting, there have been three Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials hosted:

- Southern Golden Retriever Club (15/16 January 2022)
- North Shore Dog Training Club (5 February 2022)
- Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club (6 February 2022)

Following the recent resurgence of Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials following a relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, there has been quite a significant rise in enquiries from various Dog NZ Societies and groups investigating the possibility of hosting a future Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial.

6. Introduction to Dogs NZ Scent Work” workshops.

Following on from the recent success of the “[Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork](#)” workshop in Alexandra on 17th July 2021, a request has been made to host another workshop in Wanaka. This is currently being investigated.

An on-line Dogs NZ Scent Work Course, on a par with those offered by other International Scent Work Trainers, is currently being developed.

7. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges.

Currently, there are seventeen Dogs NZ Novice Scent Work Panel Judges. Only two of these have yet to receive a first appointment to judge at a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial.

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges annual conference inaugurated last year will be hosted this year in Wellington on April 30th.

8. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.

At the time of writing this report, there are four hundred and thirty persons listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register. 73.36% are current Dogs NZ members.

The E.C discussed and noted the Scent Work Committee report. KS raised the issue of lack of trials in Central Region which needs to be addressed.

Moved: BH - carried
Report Received

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

CGC Committee meeting

Zoom CGC Committee meetings were held on Sunday December 19th and Sunday January 16th.

Matters discussed included:

- Resignation of Jan Dean from the CGC Committee.
- Nomination for Merenia Donne to be appointed to the CGC Committee.
- Appointment of Victoria Graham to be a CGC Assessor
- Applications for appointment from:
 - Melissa Evans to become a CGC & CGB Assessor.
 - Alana Robertson to become a CGC & CGB Assessor.
 - Christina McIntyre to become a CGB Assessor.
- Construction of CGC Assessor examinations.
- Reconstruction of the current CGC Webpage.
- CGC Assessments under COVID-19 "Red" conditions.
- Bi-annual CGC Conference.
- CGC Manual Review.
- CGC Assessment advertisements.

CGC Committee appointment

Following the resignation of Jan Dean; following discussion and approval from the CGC Committee, Merenia Donne from Kotuku Foundation was invited to fill the vacancy for the remaining period up till June 1st, 2022. Merenia has subsequently accepted the appointment and attended (as a non-voting member) the January CGC Committee meeting.

Appointment of Merenia Donne's to CGC Committee.

Moved: CM; Seconded: JB - carried

CGC Assessor Examinations

EC has already approved the establishment of a CGC Foundation/Bronze Assessors Panel and CGC Silver/Gold Assessors Panel, effective from 1st June 2022. One requirement for new appointees to these panels is the passing of an appropriate CGC Assessors examination.

At the request of the CGC Committee, Stephen Harris was approached with a request to write examination papers for CGC Assessor Panels. Stephen consented to do so and has subsequently written an examination question bank for each of the two intended CGC Panels.

Reconstruction of CGC Webpage

It has been noted that the current CGC Webpage contains a great deal of inaccurate or outdated information.

There is also a considerable lack of information which is deemed to be of importance (such as a listing of CGB Assessors and CGC Forms).

A review of the current CGC Webpage and its content is now being undertaken, with recommendations for changes to be made.

CGC Assessments under COVID-19 "Red" conditions

Following extensive discussion and with a realism that COVID-19 "Red" conditions were likely to remain effective for the considerable future, it was deemed acceptable by the CGC Committee to allow ALL CGC Assessments to proceed providing:

- All participants (including support persons) were (at minimum) double vaccinated.
- Masks are used when and where required.
- Whenever any physical contact is required (such as a handshake or examination of a dog), disposable gloves are to be used.
- Venue COVID-19 QR code scanning is conducted.

Bi-Annual CGC Conference

A CGC Conference had originally been scheduled for 2020. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions and Dogs NZ budget constraints, this was unable to be held. It has been requested that the EC examine at their February 2022 meeting whether budgeting for a CGC 2022 conference is feasible.

CGC Manual Review

Following a request raised by the Dogs NZ EC at their November meeting, the proposed changes for the CGC Foundation and Bronze Exercises has been re-submitted in a style which allows the proposed changes to be better identified.

The re-submitted proposals has also been additionally supplemented with a review report.

An intent to submit the proposed changes for the CGC Silver and Gold exercises has been placed on hold until the matters pertaining to the CGC Foundation and Bronze exercises has been resolved. Particularly since progress for the Silver and Gold exercises is dependent upon the final outcome determined by the EC regards the CGC Foundation and Bronze exercises.

CGC Assessment Advertising

It was raised at the last CGC Committee meeting that many Societies intending to conduct CGC Assessments did not advertise this on the CGC webpage. This has led to several persons wishing to be assessed frustrated. Particularly more so when an interested party discovers that an assessment has recently occurred in their area.

Some discussion occurred as to whether advertising should be made compulsory (such as occurs for Obedience). However, it was considered by a majority of the CGC Committee that for the present, advertising on the CGC Webpage should remain optional but highly encouraged.

A letter to each Dogs NZ CGC approved Society is to be written encouraging them to advertise intended CGC Assessments being hosted by them on the CGC Webpage.

CGC Administration

As stated in the last CGC Report submitted for the November EC meeting, CGC administration is a complex process involving several individuals. To address this and hopefully establish a smoother process, following a meeting with various Dogs NZ personnel, it was agreed to establish an informal CGC Executive consultancy group to deal with matters pertaining to CGC administration. Seconded to this group is: Brian Harris; Steven Thompson; Nicola Wood; and Arend van den Bos.

Already as a direct result of this, CGC administrative processing has begun to become more efficient and streamlined.

The E.C. discussed the report and the request for funding support for a CGC conference. ST to discuss with AB combining the conference with the Dog Training conference scheduled in December.

KS raised the opportunity of selling CGC manuals as part of a starter park for professional trainers which could be a good revenue source for Dogs NZ.

Moved: BH - carried
Report Received

AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Chris Richardson (CR).

Happy new year. The agility committee have started the year off with a hiss and a roar with a two-part consultation process. The first part is around the future of the AD/ADX qualification structure and graduations, whilst the second part is around the points structure and variable splits.

For a bit of background, in recent years, the AC has received requests numerous times to look at removing AD/ADX as the courses take a long time to set up, often for very few dogs to run and they don't keep up with the current style of training and course designs. Previously when the community has been surveyed to ascertain whether they should be kept or scrapped, there has always been a fairly even split because whilst people find them antiquated and don't particularly like the courses, they don't want to see the qualification go, as it is something that those slower more consistent dogs can still achieve. With this round of consultation, we have made it clear that we will not look at removing the qualification, just altering the way it is achieved. Along with this, we have also asked questions around whether AD/ADX should remain as part of the criteria for Champ/Grand Champ titles. This survey has just closed and we have just sent out the consultation documents for the 2nd part, which is all to do with points and splits. Since split classes were first introduced, the points system has in large become redundant as classes are no longer big enough to gain points. The proposal looks are reducing the number of dogs in a class to gain points which will give recognition to more dogs/handlers for their achievements. There has also been a big push for variable splits in classes as currently, particularly in part of the lower north island, and south island, the classes often don't have enough dogs across all heights to split, and permanent splits aren't a viable option. By allowing variable splits, it will mean that the smaller classes can still split at least 2 ways. The timeline for this process is spread out over January/February to allow time for people to digest the documentation, ask questions and get answers on them, and then do the surveys. We will have the final survey completed on the 18th February giving us a bit of time to collate the results for discussion at our February meeting. The results of the survey aren't a binding result, they are just intended to give us a better feeling for when we are constructing our final options and proposals.

The covid situation, while it appears to be frustrating some of our competitors, the majority of people are just thankful that they can still attend shows, and are more than happy to work with the AC on making sure guidelines are followed and things run smoothly. The introduction of the wristbands has been invaluable for being able to see at a glance that everyone on the grounds has been verified. There are some areas where shows have been held on large public grounds, where it has been a bit more difficult to control members of the public, but clubs have been roping off 'event areas' and ensuring that only people with a wristband are allowed inside that area. The AC intends to continue providing wristbands to clubs, for at least the next couple of months, and then we will reassess the situation, obviously as an ongoing thing we can't cop the expense for it, so there will come a point that clubs will have to start managing these themselves.

We have a lot of clubs currently trying to work with other clubs, to arrange additional championship shows with the 100 person limit, as especially in the mid to north North Island, the shows are so large over 160 people are being turned away from some shows, just to keep it under the 100 person limit.

Unfortunately it looks like some clubs are starting to take the piss a bit and trying to come up with 'creative' ways to get their 100 people. As per the government guidelines for outdoor events,

the 100 doesn't include service providers or officials, so we stated who can be classed as 'officials', and that they must be named in the catalogue – these are Show Manager, Ring Managers, Judges, Show Secretary, Scribes and Disputes Committee, but we didn't specify how many of each were acceptable as we were hoping people would be sensible, but we may have to keep a close eye on that.

We have 2 judges that have applied to move up panels. Both of these judges have received great reports from their mentors, meet all the requirements, and so far one of them has been recommended by the Judges Sub Committee, just waiting to hear about the 2nd one.

I would like to please ask that the following promotion be approved and ratified by executive:

Dani Koningsveld to Ribbon Trial Panel.

Once we have confirmation of the other I will get Phil to bring it to the meeting, but it will be Jinnie Gailey moving up to the senior panel.

Ratification of Judges:

Dani Koningsveld to Ribbon Trial; and
Jinni Galley to Senior Panel.

Moved: PJ; Seconded: FH; - carried

The E.C discussed and noted the Agility Committee report. The Judges subcommittee is to ask for suitable nominations to serve on the FCI Agility panel.

BH to reply to Lyn Sayer's letter that E.C. believes the correct procedure was followed to remove the cross ramp from events.

Moved: PJ; Seconded: CM - carried
Report Received

NZDJA REPORT

The E.C. discussed the request from NZDJA for \$3k financial support for the additional judges exams to resolve the judging shortage due to closed borders. The Director Secretary is to ask NZDJA for a more complete budget which includes revenue such as judges exam fees for the additional exams.

The E.C. discussed the letter from Kathleen Hardwick and the letter from NZDJA Chair, Ray Greer. The Director Secretary is to write to K. Hardwick regarding the E.C. deliberations on the issues raised in her letter which will also be raised at the NZDJA AGM.

JUNIOR DOG TRAINING

Report provided by Polly Catlin-Maybury (PC)

Our annual camp took place during January despite the best efforts of COVID-19 and our Government, and it was the usual triumph of fun, learning, personal growth and worn-out children and dogs. Huge kudos to Cam List and his team of Sallie, Paul and Sian Remon, Jess Tansey, Carl Ranford and Libby Ellery for their amazing work in delivering this exceptional experience for our tamariki year on year.

We held our AGM at camp, as usual, and the 2022 Committee was elected, with both familiar and new faces on the team. I was honoured to be nominated as Chair once more and happy to accept.

We are planning to hold our first committee meeting very soon to allocate roles and decide on our plans for the year. We will also discuss the location for camp in 2023, which will be in the North Island again.

The EC congratulated the committee on the success of the recent annual camp which also received favourable comments from our sponsor Purina who attended one of the camp days.

Moved: KS; Seconded: FH – carried
Report Received

YOUNG DOG SHOWING

They have recently had a committee meeting and a report will be presented at the April/May meeting.

Report Received

YOUNG DOG HANDLING (VERBAL REPORT)

JB briefed the EC on If there is no FCI show in April there will be no finals for 2020/21. Due to the impact of COVID on show schedules, planning is under way to hold multiple heats at NDS 2022 leading to a final to choose a winner to attend Crofts 2023. Details are being worked on with the film production company who are supportive of the plan.

STAFF COMMITTEE REPORT (VERBAL IN COMMITTEE)

BH briefed the E.C. on the Staff Committee meeting held on 28 February and a number of recommendations from the committee were ratified by E.C.

Report Received

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

2022 ACOD Remits:

The E.C. discussed what Remit they would like to put forward at ACOD and discussed that Rule 14(F) was no longer required for modern shows.

Motion: To remove Rule 14(F) and renumber (g) & (h)

Moved: NT; Seconded: SM - carried

FCI Shows:

BH confirmed that the scheduled FCI in April 2022 is still scheduled to go ahead, with separation of exhibitors into groups of 100 to comply with the current COVID Red protocols.

Championship Show Limitation

The E.C. agreed that all Group, Multi-Breed & Specialist clubs apart from associated All Breeds clubs will be able to hold a second championship in the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023. These clubs must continue to hold at least one Open Show in that period.

SM asked that due to some clubs not been able to hold shows for the last two years that E.C. review the current limit of 1 championship shows for All Breed clubs at the April / May meeting.

E.C. Elections

KB announced that he will not be standing for E.C. in the next election round and it was important that there was a full complement of good candidates to ensure that all 4 positions were filled. KB will still be Chair of the Museum Trust. BH acknowledged the huge service that KB had provided Dogs NZ over many years.

Registry

FH asked about the administration of the Registry I / II / III & the placement of dogs with CH&W breaches endorsements. ST to forward a proposal paper by Management on the future structure of the registry system.

10. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BH thanked every E.C. member for their contribution during a busy weekend meeting and acknowledged that this was Nicola Wood's last E.C. meeting as minute secretary and on behalf of E.C. thanked her for her administrative support work over the last two years.

The E.C noted the upcoming meeting dates.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2021/2022 term)

30 April / 1 May, Wellington
24 June, Wellington
23-24 July
17-18 September
19-20 November

BH closed the meeting at 2.45pm on 27 February 2022.