



Minutes of the Executive Council meeting

Held on 6-7 March 2021

**At the Canterbury Kennel Association
701 McLean Island Road
McLeans Island
Christchurch 8051**

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President
Jill Brooker (JB)
Donna Hailes (DH)
Lisa Slade (LS)
Phil Johnson (PJ)

Arend van den Bos (AB)
Keith Brown (KB)
Catherine McManus (CM)
Trina Nichols (TN)

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

APOLOGIES

Steve Tate (STT)
Stephen Meredith (SM)
Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer
Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator

WELCOME

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 9am and acknowledged that this was Phil Johnson (PJ) first Council meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The E.C adopted the agenda.

Moved: BH – Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The E.C noted the Conflicts of Interest register.
The E.C noted PJ is to complete his.

EMAIL VOTES

Six recent email votes:

1. Approval of candidate's promotion to Terrier Group panel A Ancells February 2021.
2. Approval of candidate's promotion to Junior Showmanship panels C Hogg February 2021.
3. Approval of candidate's promotion to Junior Showmanship panels D O'Neil February 2021.
4. Approval of candidate's promotion to Junior Showman panels D Bieby March 2021.
5. Approval of candidate's promotion to NZDJA panels D Riley & J Hamilton.
6. Scent Work Regulation 5 Amendments January 2021.
7. Approval of 4 x candidates to sit NZDJA Judges Exams December 2020.
8. NZDJA Judges approval of candidates to Aspiring Panel / Open Show / 2nd / 3rd / 4th / 5th / 6th / 7th Panels / Specialist Breed December 2020; and
9. Review of Registration Regulation 10.8.1 Bulldogs.

Moved: BH – Adopted

DECEASED MEMBERS

The E.C noted the list of deceased members; Yvonne Joel (Dunedin), Tom Gorrie (Oxford), Ross McDonald (Invercargill), Aaron Fitzgerald (Wyndham), Dot Courtney (Waikanae), Gerard Stokes (Christchurch), Kathy Kessler (Christchurch), Marge Farr (Christchurch), Cindy Jenkins (Waitoa). Vivian Good (Christchurch).

NOVEMBER 2020 / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 20-21 November 2020 meeting minutes.

Moved: KB, Seconded: LS – Adopted

Outstanding Actions from Minutes:

JB asked for an update on SPCA / Animal Control paper by CH&W Officer. The document will be circulated to CH&W before presentation to EC.

2. FINANCE

DRAFT FY 2021 – 22 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST) and Clive Phillips (CP).

E.C. discussed the draft budget and business plan which is still being reviewed by RAF Committee.

The draft budget still needs to include major Repairs & Maintenance costs for the Wellington and Auckland venues. The E.C. recommended review of governance costs and clearly identifying Auckland R&M costs, including time frame on Consent of Use application and potential new revenues streams.

Sign-off for the final budget / business plan will be a zoom meeting later in March, so that we have an approved budget before the beginning of the new financial year.

Report Received

RAF REPORT

Report provided by Ann Coulson (AC).

CM discussed the zoom meeting between RAF and management to work through the draft FY 2021 - 2022 budget. Cost areas that need to have increased focus are of printing and postage and FCI show costs. RAF also expressed caution around Show levy revenue.

ST presented a report from the Treasurer on the significant differences between this year's forecast, and the draft FY2021-22 budget.

Report Received

DRAFT STRATEGY REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: Strategy Committee Report

Background:

The Strategy Committee has held three workshops since its establishment to develop a draft 10 Year Strategy which was presented to E.C. for discussion and approval.

The Strategy will provide a framework for all our organizational decision making, policy development and investment decisions. It will be integrated into our annual business plans.

The Strategy document has been designed to provide readers with an understanding of where we have come from, where we now, our strengths and key challenges.

The document outlines how we plan to "future proof" Dogs NZ and the key strategic priorities we will focus on to achieve our goals.

It is a strategy that is designed to make Dogs NZ *successful, resilient, valued, respected, creditable, sought after and relevant.*

The E.C discussed the draft Strategy Committee Report and the attached draft 10 Year Strategy Document. Council made a number of minor amendments to the Mission / Purpose Statement (Dog Competition, Education in Dog Health & Welfare and Advocacy section) as well as Strategic Priority Four and Five. Council recommended that the Strategy be reviewed every three years.

Motion: That the amended draft Strategy document be adopted as the Dogs NZ 10 Year Strategy.

Moved: TN, Seconded: PJ – approved

The E.C. discussed the working group to draft a key Stakeholder Engagement Strategy which was a major recommendation of the Strategic Plan. It is important that there is a strong breeder's input in the document and Bronwyn Murdoch is to be asked to join the working group. The E.C. also wished to be informed in advance of any NAWAC Meeting agendas that are made public so we can provide input on any issues affecting our breeders or activities.

FINANCE UPDATE

Treasurer's Report

- **31 December 2020 Accounts**
- **31 January 2021 Accounts**

Report provided by Clive Phillips (CP).

NZ Kennel Club Financial Update for January 2021 Financial Results

January – Solid Surplus

January Actual Revenue \$23.9k favourable compared to Budget. The three areas responsible for the favourable monthly revenue were Dogs NZ head office, AEC and JDT. Minor unfavourable actual verse budget revenue were recorded by Wellington & Dunedin Venues, Agility and CGC.

Year to Date Membership, Kennel names and Gazette subscriptions are ahead of the same period last year. All Registry activity except exports & Imports are ahead of last year.

January Actual Expenditure favourable compared to budget by \$22.2k. Dogs NZ head office, AEC, Dunedin, Gazette, Agility and JDT all recorded expenditure less than budget. Wellington again incurred higher than budgeted R & M costs due to water leak issues to record unfavourable expenditure compared to budget for the month.

Actual Income FAVOURABLE compared to budget by \$555.7K for the January Year to Date period

Actual Expenditure FAVOURABLE compared to budget by \$5.5k for the January Year to Date period

Balance Sheet REMAINS STRONG - Cash and Property rich

Total cash to end of January \$1,597.4k, up \$137.5k since end of last financial year (March 2020).

Summary of Group Financial Results: – Income minus Expenditure

Monthly Result: - Solid Surplus favourable compared to small Budget deficit, Last Year's Actual and Pre Covid Budget surpluses

January Month: - Income less Expenditure				
Actual	Budget	Last Year	Pre Covid Budget	
\$42,855	(\$3,267)	\$26,433	\$4,666	
Year To Date: - Income less Expenditure before Depreciation			Full Year 2020-2021	
This Year	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Forecast
\$222,735	(\$338,439)	\$21,075	(\$392,794)	\$167,528

Actual YTD results: -

- Significantly favourable compared to Budget By: - \$561.2k

- Favourable compared to Pre Covid Budget By: - \$259.9k

- Favourable compared to Last Year Actual By: - \$201.7k

Registry Activity

The table clearly reflects Registry activity is tracking comfortably ahead of last year, both in numbers and Income, except for Exports and Imports.

	Analysis YTD January 2021					
	Number			Income		
	2021	2020		2021	2020	
Litter Notification	1,587	1,406	13%	56,035	51,430	9%
Registrations	7,496	6,793	10%	206,223	177,905	16%
Transfers	5,388	4,454	21%	100,959	89,070	13%
Imports	245	275	-11%	24,304	27,269	-11%
Exports	153	225	-32%	13,921	20,400	-32%
Overall Total	<u>14,869</u>	<u>13,153</u>	13%	<u>401,442</u>	<u>366,074</u>	10%

Detailed Analysis

Dogs NZ (NZKC): - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$388.6k

Income \$368.9k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

Expenses \$19.7 FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

AEC: - FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$37.2k**Income** \$46.6k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Expenses** (\$9.4k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Dunedin: - UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$18.9k****Income** \$16.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Expenses** (\$18.9k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Wellington Property FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$7.4k****Income** \$24.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Expenses** (\$17.4k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Gazette: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$77.3k****Income** \$65.1k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Expenses** \$12.2k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**NDOA: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$5k****Income** \$4.7k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD which was NIL.**Expenses** \$0.3k UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Agility: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$28k****Income** \$10.2k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Expenses** \$17.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**JDT & JDS: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$7.9k****Obedience: - EXCEEDS Budget YTD by \$2.7k****Balance Sheet & Cash Flow**

- Cash balances INCREASED \$137.4k since 31 March 2020.
- Debtors \$88.7k less than at the end of last financial year. There is \$4k in the 3-month overdue category and \$1.5k in the Four month and older balances
- Prepayments \$45.4k (expenses paid in advance) - \$2.2k greater than end of last financial year. \$40.9k is the Insurance premium for the 20/21 year.
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$23`k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$12k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$11k.

The main items comprising the Receipts in Advance total are:

Purina Sponsorship \$11k -This is being released into accounts in equal monthly instalments.

Obedience Central region NDOA monies \$11.9k - to be held until Obedience Central next hold NDOA (3 yrs).

The E.C discussed and noted the financial updates as of 31 December 2020 and 31 January 2021. Better understanding of where semen registration income is recorded was requested. Discussion was had in regards to the viability of posting a magazine out to members vs having this online was held. This would possibly have an impact on membership fees, member's view ability.

Moved: KB, Seconded: AB – Report Adopted

3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

FCI SHOW REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

ST spoke to his report on the initial planning, draft budget, key dates and scope of IT work for the two proposed FCI Show.

Key decisions requested from Council are:

- Final confirmation of FCI show schedule for 2021.
- How “big” do we want the first FCI show to be?
- Confirmation of Show Manager.
- Appointment of Judges and Stewards.

The E.C discussed the FCI Show Planning Report and agreed to investigate moving the September Wellington FCI show to Auckland. The preferred model was to have local clubs running the show (providing show managers etc) with support from the National Office. Concern was expressed about the current show budget and recommended Exhibitor fee. BH is working with the Treasurer on a revised budget and lower exhibitor fee. FCI Show regulations are to be placed on the Website.

Report Received

JUDGES BREED OBSERVATION SCHEME

Pam Douglas (PD) distributed the Judges Breed Observation Scheme to Executive Council via email on 11 February 2021 for comment.

The E.C discussed and approved the Judges Breed Observation Scheme.

Moved: LS, Seconded: KB – approved

ACOD TRAVEL EQUALISATION FEE

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: ACOD 2021 Fees

Background:

The National Office has reviewed the budget for ACOD to be held on the 19 June 2021. Because of the pressure on the Dogs NZ FY 2021-2022 budget we are recommending a number of fee increases to ensure that we recover as many of ACOD costs as possible.

Recommendation One

That the following ACOD fees be set at:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| • Club Delegate Fee: | \$108 | (\$20 increase on 2020) |
| • Lunch Fee | \$27 | (no change) |
| • Mileage Expenses Claim | 50c per Km | (no change) |

Recommendation Two

- Travel Equalization fee be set at \$307 per All Breeds Club (\$20 increase on 2020).

MOTION: That the \$108 Club delegate fee and \$307 travel equalization fees be set per All Breeds Club for ACOD 2021

Moved: KB, Seconded: TN – CARRIED

The E.C. discussed the planning for ACOD and expressed a desire that it again be streamed live and that the venue provide a better quality lunch.

4. REGULATIONS

REGISTRY REGULATION 9.1.6 / 17.1.7 / 5.3.3

Report provided by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee.

Introduction

After several revisions, the CH&W committee have considered the most appropriate means of including docked dogs into the Registration and Show Regulations.

We feel that less is more in regards to what our Regulations contain, all the while considering how Head Office can action registrations and also with an eye on the detail that the responsibility of the dog's welfare actually falls on the breeder/owner and not Dogs NZ.

As such, we make the following proposal – which actually sends a very strong message to our members AND removes the liability from Dogs NZ.

1. That the Show Entry form and the online Entry Form include the notation;

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ THIS

To enter dogs using the NZKC online show program, you must agree to and abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. I undertake to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the New Zealand Kennel Club (Inc) and of the show I am entering dog(s) into, and declare that the dog(s) entered have not been exposed to the risk of DISTEMPER or any contagious or infectious disease for the six weeks prior to exhibition, and I will not show them if they incur such risk between now and the day of the show. As owner(s) of any dog entered or present at any show I/we shall be responsible for the actions of any handler of that dog whilst it is in attendance and under the control of that handler at the show.
2. I HEREBY CERTIFY that the dog(s) I enter into an NZKC online show is currently registered with a local authority as required by law.

3. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I will at all times ensure that I will abide by the Animal Welfare Act (1999) and subsequent Regulations while attending this event.

This wording would include travelling to the show, at the show and returning home.

Registration

2. That the Registration Form be amended under the signature with the acknowledgement;

I/we certify that that ALL requirements of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and Subsequent Regulations have been adhered to.

DOG OF DOG (One Puppy)		DNZ OFFICE USE ONLY
<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		
Phone:	Date:	
Email:		
Breeders Signature (All breeders must sign)		
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I/We certify that the information contained in this application is correct.		

It is also suggested that it would be appropriate to also include an acknowledgement that the breeder has abided by the Breeders Code of Conduct.

If these are approved, then the Regulation changes are listed below.

REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

9 REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

9.1 General

Proposed:

9.1.6. The registration of imported dogs with docked tails into New Zealand for breeding and showing purposes is permitted.

Current regulation and applicable when there was an accredited tail banding scheme (no longer in place)

9.1.6 Registration of a dog that has had its tail docked will only be processed if evidence is furnished that the dog was imported from a country that allows the practice and that it has been docked by a person who possesses the appropriate knowledge, training and competency necessary to do so effectively, and who is acting under a documented quality assurance scheme is furnished by the appropriate recognized kennel authority. Registrations failing to meet this requirement will not be processed.

17 EXPORTING OF DOGS.

Proposed:

17.1.7 To be deleted

Current regulation and applicable when there was an accredited tail banding scheme (no longer in place)

17.1.7 In the event that a dog of a docked breed is being exported, evidence that the dog is not docked or, if docked, was docked by a person who possesses the appropriate knowledge, training and competency necessary to do so effectively, and who is acting under a documented quality assurance scheme is must be furnished. Exports failing to meet this requirement will not be processed.

SHOW REGULATIONS

Proposed:

19.14 Docked Dogs

19.14.1 The registration of imported dogs with docked tails into New Zealand for breeding and showing purposes is permitted. These dogs and their progeny are eligible to be registered with the New Zealand Kennel Club and may be shown at Recognised Shows.

Current regulation:

19.14 Docked Dogs 19.14.1 Since 1 October 2018 it is against the current New Zealand Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations Part 2, R 51 to dock a dogs' tail in New Zealand unless for prophylactic reasons.

19.14.2 The importation of dogs with docked tails into New Zealand for breeding and showing purposes is permitted. These dogs and their progeny are eligible to be registered with New Zealand Kennel Club and may be shown at Recognised Shows.

The E.C discussed and agreed to adopt the recommended changes to registry regulations 9.1.6, 17.1.7 and show regulation 19.14.1.

Moved: JB, Seconded: TN CARRIED
STT recorded his NO vote by email.

The report also recommended changes to the Online Show Entry Form and the Dog Registration Form to ensure that all exhibitors and breeders abide by the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and subsequent regulations.

Moved: JB, Seconded: KB CARRIED

REGISTRY REGULATION 10.17

Report provided by Brian Harris (BH).

RE: Registry Regulation 10.17 Weimaraner and Weimaraner (Longhair)

Recommended New Registry Regulation 10.17

10.17 Weimaraner and Weimaraner (Longhair).

10.17.1 - Both coat varieties are to be judged separately with each variety receiving separate Challenge Certificates.

10.17.2 - Inter-variety breeding is permitted and will be approved for Registration purposes on either register for a period of ten years from the 1st July 2021. At the conclusion of this period this regulation will be reviewed.

10.17.3 - Reclassification on coat type for animals born before 1st March 2021 is permitted up until 31st December 2022.

10.17.4 - The registration of imported interbred Weimaraners on either register is allowed.

10.17.5 - Each individual progeny shall be registered as per "coat type"

The E.C discussed and agreed to the new registry regulation 10.17.

Moved: JB, Seconded: AB CARRIED

The E.C. discussed the impact on Show Schedules of the new regulation where there will need to be both coat classes.

SHOW REGULATION 4

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: Amendment to Show Regulations 4 Judges and Judging Appointments

The NZDJA has requested that Executive Council make a number of amendments and suspension to Show Regulation 4.

Recommended Show Regulation 4 changes and suspensions:

1. *SR 4.1.4a – 4.1.4 With the removal of the Ribbon Parade panel can you please remove (a) and correct the alphabetical list.*
2. *SR 4.1.2 (a) Official Show Judges Panel
No judge can enter into any contract to judge or be listed as a judge in any schedule for a show published prior to the date of the appointment to any new panel.
We request that this sentence of this regulation be temporarily suspended.*
3. *SR 4.2 – 4.2 New Zealand Judges may not be appointed to judge at any show unless they are listed on the appropriate Show Judges Panel for that show.
We request that this be temporarily suspended.*
4. *SR 4.3.2 - To judge at any Championship show the Judge must be listed on the appropriate Championship Show Panel for the Group or breeds to be judged by the Judge.
We request that this be temporarily suspended.*
5. *4.3.6 - To judge all breeds at any Ribbon Parade including Best on Parade, the Judge must be listed on the Ribbon Parade Panel, Open Show Panel or any Group Championship Show Panel or Panels except in the case where Judges Regulation Section VII (2)(b)(ii) applies.
Ribbon Parade panel no longer exists.*
6. *SR 4.5- All New Zealand Judges shall be approved to judge if they are listed on the appropriate New Zealand Kennel Club Show Judges Panel by naming them in the Official Schedule submitted for approval in accordance with these regulations. If they are not so listed the prior approval of the Executive Council must be obtained.
We request that this be temporarily suspended.*

The E.C discussed Show Regulation 4 and agreed to the amendments.

Moved: LS, Seconded: KB CARRIED

AGILITY REGULATIONS

Report provided by Chris Richardson (CH).

Recommendation for Agility Committee Governance Change

3.1 2 Term of Office.

Members of the Agility Committee will sit for two years from the date of the first meeting after the election of that committee ~~30 November in the year elected to 29 November~~ until the first meeting of the next Committee immediately after the following ~~of the next election year.~~ The first meeting of any new Committee may be held in person or virtually and must be held within one month of the announcement of the election results. If no election is required, the meeting will be held as soon as practicable after 29 November of the election year but must be held within one month of this date. Until the meeting is held all executive positions of the previous committee remain and it is their responsibility to perform the duties of those offices until the meeting at which the new committee elects these positions.

3.2.6.3 Nominations

3.2.6.3.1 Dogs NZ will call for nominations for the NZ Agility Committee in the August edition of NZ Dog World, via notice to clubs and on Dogs NZ official website. Nominations to be received by Dogs NZ by 1 October and be accompanied by a full biography of the candidate. The biography of the candidate will appear on the Dog Agility website, Dogs NZ website, the November edition of NZ Dog World, and will be emailed to all Registered Agility Societies. Biographies received after the above date will not be published. The person must be nominated and seconded by financial Dogs NZ members who are also registered as Agility voters.

3.2.6.3.2 In the event that insufficient nominations are received as at the date of close above, to enable a new full Agility Committee to be formed with the make-up of the representational requirements, the following process will be followed.

3.2.6.3.2.1 If the number of nominations received at advertised date of close constitutes a quorum, the new committee shall find or appoint the remaining positions once their term of office commences providing that the considerations of representational requirements at met.

3.2.6.3.2.2 If the number of nominations received at advertised date of close does not constitute a quorum, expressions of interest will be sought before the dissolution of the exiting Agility Committee in order to gain enough members for the new committee to form a quorum. The outgoing Agility Committee will select from those who express interest to increase the number on the incoming committee up to the number which constitutes a quorum. The new Agility Committee including any people added as detailed above, will then select the remaining members to reach the full membership.

3.2.6.3.2.3 Should there be insufficient expressions of interest to form a quorum, members of the previous Agility Committee may volunteer to remain on the committee until such time as the positions are filled.

The E.C discussed and agreed for Agility Governance Rule Change.

Moved: PJ, Seconded: LS CARRIED

OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

Regulations which should be changed without the need for Obedience membership voting due to irrelevance of detail.

9.4.1 New Zealand Kennel Club Membership

Any competitor who wishes to have a Rally-O Title entered as a suffix to their dog's name in any official NZKC publication and/or catalogue for any official Rally-O Event, must be ~~either an Associate or a Full member of the New Zealand Kennel Club, and a member of a New Zealand Kennel Club Registered Dog Obedience Society or New Zealand Kennel Club Affiliated or Associated Club.~~

24.4.1 Any competitor who wishes to have a Rally-O title entered as a suffix to their dog's name in any official NZKC publication and/or catalogue for any Championship Rally-O Event must be a member ~~or Associate Member~~ of the New Zealand Kennel Club and a member of an NZKC registered dog obedience society or NZKC affiliated or associated club.

Rationale:

New Zealand Kennel Club Associate membership no longer exists.

The E.C discussed and agreed to the Obedience Regulations.

Moved: AB, Seconded: PJ CARRIED

SCENT WORK REGULATIONS

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

Scent Work Regulation changes that have already been approved (electronically) by EC subsequent to the last EC Meeting (November 2020) and are now listed for recording purposes.

I. 3.6 Handlers Running Multiple Dogs

An owner may enter more than one dog at a trial providing accommodation has been previously made by a hosting society to run a sub-Trial to accommodate such requirements ~~but each dog must have a different handler to protect the integrity of the hide.~~

3.6.1 Sub-Trials

Sub-Trials shall be open to and conducted only to accommodate handlers with multiple dogs. On such occasions, the position of the hide must remain the same for each sub-Trial but be different from the initial search pattern.

II. 3.9 Registration of Dogs

All dogs entering a qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial for the purpose of obtaining an Award or Title, must be registered with the New Zealand Kennel Club in the name of the competitor on either Part I (the purebred register) or Part II of the New Zealand Kennel Club Register of dogs.

With a subsequent renumbering of the current 3.9 – 3.12

III. 5.2.2 Maximum Numbers

The maximum number of dogs a Scent Work Judge may judge per day in any Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trial is ~~25~~ 80.

IV. 5.2.23 Re-runs

If, in the opinion of the Scent Work Judge, a dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar or extraordinary circumstances outside the control of the handler, the Scent Work Judge has the discretion to determine that all or the relevant component of the search may be rerun.

V. 6.5.1 Novice Container Scent Detection Award

After a dog has attained two qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for each of the two Novice Container patterns (i.e., both patterns must have been achieved twice) it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of NCS after its name.

VI. 8.1.1.3 Dogs under ~~12~~ 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

VII. 10.5.1 Collar or Harness

For the duration of the Scent Work Trial, all dogs must always be wearing either a harness 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.

Additional Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulation changes which have been proposed to and approved by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee subsequent to the last EC Meeting (November 2020).

11.1.2 Warm-up Area

If a warm-up area has been provided, this area must not be visible to the search area. This area ~~which~~ may contain a scent aid of the odour used for the search, and ~~This area~~ must be signposted ~~and set up~~ using highly visible markers that are safe for officials and teams. Only one Handler/dog team at a time may use this area and are restricted to a two-minute duration immediately prior to entering the search area.

Rationale:

Currently the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations makes it mandatory for Societies hosting a Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial to have a Warm-up area. However due to the venue, this is not always practicable or feasible. It is therefore desired to leave this requirement optional rather than mandatory.

Likewise, it is anticipated that dogs entered to participate in a Scent Work Trial have already been sufficiently trained and imprinted prior to the actual Scent Work Trial and it is therefore considered unnecessary that they require a last-minute imprinting reinforcement.

Most societies having already conducted Scent Work Trials and those anticipating doing so have indicated a lack of support in being required to have a Warm-up Area.

The E.C discussed and agreed to the Scent Work Regulations.

Moved: AB, Seconded: JB CARRIED

5. OFFICE REPORTS (READ ONLY)

DIRECTOR SECRETARY REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

Director Secretary Report – March Executive Council Meeting

1. Key Strategic Plan Activities

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

Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs

Our partnership with Nestle Purina is key to achieving our membership and club goals and on February 25th I participated in a one-day workshop with the Purina sponsorship and marketing team which focused on:

- Key priority outcomes & the Draft Dogs NZ 10yr Strategy
- Puppy Owners Edm & Club Show Kit programme rollouts
- Breeder & show support for 2021 and beyond
- Vet Puppy school alignment with CGC
- Developing a combined data strategy
- Joint Pet Expo's strategy
- Future Purina acquisitions and partnerships that we can leverage.

The key immediate focus is to launch the new Puppy Owners Edm programme in March and the Club Tool Kit programme in April. I have attached a draft design of the look & feel of the New Puppy owners Edm.

Dogs NZ / Purina venue signage has been signed off by all our venue management committees and will be installed by April.

Sue Connor and I have begun a review of our Membership process which will help us form a scope of work for the increased automation of our membership services and development of a proper membership CRM system.

Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training

Our immediate focus is the addition of DPS payment system to the Dog Training Registration programme and its roll-out to the training clubs. This is an important first step to Dogs NZ creating a national dog training database of dog owners.

If we are to devote additional resources to dog training, we need to be able to collect a levy on all dog training participation and like our confirmation dog show programme having a registration system used by 90% of training clubs is the best way to achieve this goal.

Purina are ready to roll-out their puppy training graduation packs to all CGB/CGC participants which will include the CGC/CGB brochure and Dog sports brochure to engage dog owners to try more of our training and sports programmes. These packs will be distributed from the Nestle national warehouse.

Purina are in production of a new Dog Training display kit (see attached graphic) which will be used at national dog shows and pet expos. We are booked to participate in the Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland 2021 Pet Expo's.

Strategic Priority: Registry Development

The launch last year of our online litter and dog registration with 70% of breeders using the online programmes for registration (see attached bar chart graph).

Our immediate focus is to complete by beginning of April:

- Online registration of semen and ownership transfers
- Automated send of new Puppy Owner edm once we input registration details.

Our next key focus will be development of the FCI show programme which as detailed in the FCI report is major piece of development work which will take up to 3 months to complete.

We have replaced all our servers which as with most IT projects was not as trouble free as we would have liked. However we have had no recent server outage and I am confident that the teething issues have passed. The recent change in COVID Alert levels has also given us an opportunity to review our work from home protocols so we can continue to offer registry / membership services during Alert level 3-4.

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

The key immediate Canine Health & Welfare project is the launch of the RFG programme. It has been difficult to arrange required Chief Assessor training while England is in constant lockdown however sufficient budget allocation has been made for national rollout of the scheme this year.

Dr Becky Murphy and I will be holding a face to face meeting with the Chair of NAWAC and key MPI officers in April. This meeting was originally scheduled for February but was moved at the request of NAWAC.

The other key project we are working on is the membership / stakeholder's engagement plan for 10-year Strategy document which is detailed in my Strategy committee report.

ST provided an update on the recent sponsorship workshop with Purina. Bronwyn Murdoch to attend MOI/NAWAC meetings were matters of interest to Breeders are discussed. The E.C discussed and noted the Director Secretary Report.

Report Received

CANINE HEALTH AND WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report received from Dr Becky Murphy (CH&W Officer).

Canine Health & Welfare Officer Report to Executive Council February 2021

Prepared by Dr Becky Murphy

- a. *NAWAC Societal Cost Benefit Analysis Tool – Animals in Entertainment, Encounter & Exhibition*
No update since last meeting.
- b. *Respiratory Function Grading Scheme*
The introduction session recorded by the Kennel Club & Cambridge University has been provided to Dr Crosse and Dr Jerram to view. The next step is the specific training module for the Chief Assessors which will follow in the coming weeks.
- c. *LRLs*

Staffordshire Bull-Terrier

A teleconference was held on the 2nd February with Club Representatives. The session went well and I hope to receive further correspondence from the Clubs soon.

German Shepherd

The Office has received a submission from the Auckland Provincial German Shepherd Dog League (inc) on the 7th December 2020 to begin the LRL process. A draft set of LRL questions and Registration Regulations has been sent to the other German Shepherd Clubs and the proposed LRL will be advertised in the March and April 2021 Dog World editions.

Samoyed

A formal submission has not yet been received.

Bouvier

Unfortunately, the February edition of the Dog World did not contain the second notice for submissions, so the notice will now appear in the March and April editions to satisfy the two consecutive edition requirements. One submission against has been received to date.

d. *Pug LRL*

Awaiting the RFG Scheme launch.

e. *Stakeholder engagement*

SPCA

No further correspondence since last report.

SPCA – Volkerson Trial

This has been adjourned due to poor health of one of the defendants with a new trial date of mid-2021 set.

NAWAC/MPI

Steven and I are booked to meet with both groups in April 2021 to provide updates. The original date in February has been moved.

NZVA/CAV

Next meeting is scheduled for 26th February in Auckland. Nothing of note to report from that group.

Government

Chloe Swarbrick has announced she is drafting a Bill to end Greyhound racing in New Zealand. She explains that 'while there are always some good people involved, on balance, I feel the greyhound racing industry has lost its social licence to operate as too many dogs are constantly put in harms way'.

The Greens policy vision includes:

- Ban or phase out activities like live animal exports, animal rodeos, greyhound racing, factory farming, farrowing crates and inhumane breeding of pets.

NAWAC moved the Dogs NZ February meeting to April because their workload on a review of the pigs Code of Welfare (focused on farrowing crates and mating stalls) has to be 'conducted under a very short timeframe' and the February meeting is now fully dedicated to this.

Information only – Report Received.

CLUB AND MEMBERSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

CLUB REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2021

Annual Subscriptions for 2020

The following clubs are still outstanding.

Southern Bulldog Club
Non-Sporting & Utility Dog Society
Southern Siberian Husky Club
Lagotto Romagnolo Club

Central Districts Working Dog Club
Wellington Working Dog Club
South Island Dobermann Club

Non-Sporting & Utility Dog Society and Wellington Working Dog Club are still operating albeit with a small committee after the recent loss of a committee member. They have confirmed that they will be paying their annual subscription and are making plans to hold a show each in conjunction with Wellington Kennel Centre for June 2021.

South Island Dobermann Club are going through the process of winding up however there is a possibility of a new committee taking over.

The Lagotto Romagnolo Club have been in contact and are holding a Special General Meeting on the weekend 6/7 March 2021 to discuss the future of the club.

Recommend:

That the Executive Council withdraw the recognition/association of the Southern Bulldog Club, Southern Siberian Husky Club and the Central Districts Working Dog Club unless Annual Club Subscriptions are paid. .

Moved: JB, Seconded: LS – approved

Application from North Island St Bernard Association For Giant Breeds Open Show

The secretary of North Island St Bernard Association has applied to hold an open show that is to cover more than St Bernards possibly to include all giant breeds.

“The North Island St Bernard Association is wanting to gain approval to hold a **multi-breed OPEN SHOW** towards the end of this year, along with our **Specialty Championship** Show. Our President is currently in dialogue with some All Breeds Clubs that we can work with that could be productive to all concerned. At this point nothing has been firmed up but is a work in progress.

What we need is to gain approval to be able to invite other clubs to our OPEN SHOW that could be beneficial to all involved in a time when co-operation and working together would be beneficial to us all maintaining our affiliation status. Particularly since running an Open Show is costly and exhibitors often feel there is not the reward of a CC on offer as there is at a Championship show.

Our concept if approved, is to hold a **GIANT BREEDS** Open show, inviting breeds such as Bernese Mountain Dogs, Leonbergers, Tibetan Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Pyrenean Mountain Dogs, Mastiffs, Dogue De Bordeaux, possibly Great Danes and Alaskan Malamutes. By definition, Giant Breeds means a large dog breed usually over 45kg in weight.

Our request to the Executive is:

1. Is this concept acceptable?
2. Would this type of OPEN show ran by our Club, North Island St Bernard Association, be considered acceptable as the Open Show we and other limited membership clubs need to fulfil our requirements of 1 x open show and 1 x specialty championship show between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.

As per Open Show rules, each breed would be judged, with the winners going through to group, then ultimately to In Show. For those couple of breeds not included in the Utility group, we could potentially have two other groups consisting of only 1 or 2 breeds with a nominal number of entries who would require group sashes and prizes. What our Club would like to propose is that all entered breeds are judged individually, and then the winning representatives are then judged as one Giant Breed Group. That is, Best Giant in Show, Reserve Best Giant in Show, Best Baby Puppy Giant, Best Puppy Giant, Best Junior Giant etc”

Recommend:

That approval be given for a one-off Giant Breeds Open Show as a trial with judging as proposed.

Moved: JB, Seconded: CM – approved

Exemption to Enter Stake Class Only

A Specialist Breed Club secretary has requested that EC consider granting an exemption for a dog to be entered into a stake class at their championship show at the end of March 2021 without entering a breed class as required by Show Regulation 7.1.2. The dog is not over 7 years of age but has had a leg amputated at a young age.

Recommend:

That exemption is granted. LS and JB to draft show regulations to allow exhibitors to show in a stake class without the need to enter a breed class. This is to help encourage people into all breeds and specialty shows. To be approved at ACOD.

Moved: BH– approved
Report Received

DOGS ON REPORT MARCH 2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

DOGS ON REPORT FEBRUARY 2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

BEYONCE QUEEN B OB/7987 NZ Heading Dog, owned by A Sail.

This female NZ Heading Dog has been placed on report after an incident at Mid Canterbury Dog Training Club's Championship Agility & Jumpers Event on 6 February 2021 for attacking another dog outside the ring.

Have spoken to the owner of the dog who says that her dog had no obvious injuries and did not require vet treatment.

Dog has been suspended from showing for 2 months and must undertake some training. Dog's records have been endorsed.

LUCEO SOGNO DI VENEZIA 01945-2018 German Shepherd Dog owned by C Mackenzie.

This male German Shepherd Dog (Stock Coat) bit an exhibitor at Waikato German Shepherd Dog Club's Championship show on 6 February 2021.

The exhibitor received marks to the face and neck but no doctor or hospital visit was required.

The dog's records have been endorsed and the owner advised that the dog is on 2-month suspension, must have training and then 6 observations if permission is granted.

TE RAIMONA O MANAWATO A 06615-2019 Bull Terrier, owned by S Arnold & A Irwin.

This male Bull Terrier was excluded from Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association's Championship show on 30 January 2021 for biting a Staffordshire Bull-Terrier puppy.

The owners have been advised that the dog is suspended from showing for 2 months and that training needs to be undertaken before he can be shown again. Dog's records have been endorsed.

SLINGSHOT 'S LILY'S GIRL BILY 03625-2019 Boston Terrier owned by J Powell.

This Boston Terrier was excluded from the ring at Auckland Exhibition Centre's Championship show on 31 January 2021 for biting another Boston Terrier in the face outside the ring.

The dog has been suspended from showing for 2 months and owner advised that training needs to be undertaken before she can be shown again. Dog's records have been endorsed.

DEMITRY ONE LITTLE MONSTER 00894-2020 Dobermann owned by S Dalton.

This male Dobermann lunged at a Samoyed outside the ring at Huntly & District Kennel Association's Open show on 2 January 2021. This was not reported to Dogs NZ until 12 February 2021 despite the owner of the Samoyed reporting the matter to the show committee on the day and giving witness details.

The owner has been advised that the dog is now on report and the dog's records have been endorsed.

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

This female Dobermann was excluded from the ring at Waimate Kennel Society's championship show on 22 November 2020 for attacking another dog. This was witnessed by the judge and ring steward.

The dog was suspended for 2 months, required to do training and then 6 observations.

CH LOCHBURN BLACK VELVET 04340-2011 Colie (Rough) owned by P Hill.

This female Collie (Rough) was placed on report following an incident at a show on 21 January 2017. The dog was not shown again until last year at South Island Collie Club's Championship show in November and was observed with no problems reported.

She is entered at this weekend's Ashburton Kennel Association Championship Shows (if they go ahead) and an observer has been arranged.

MOUTH ALMIGHTY SNOW OB/7832 Jack Russell Terrier owned by S Ward.

This male Jack Russell Terrier was suspended from showing for 2 months following a report from Mid Canterbury Dog Training Club that at their Championship Obedience Test and Ch Rally-O events on 28 November it bit another competitor on the leg.

The dog has been suspended from exhibition for 2 months and required to undergo training.

FLAIR I'M A MISCHIEF MAKER 07401-2020 Dalmatian owned by D Gordon-Glassford.

Show Manager of Banks Peninsula A & P Society advised that at their Championship show on 9 January 2021 that this female Dalmatian was excused from the ring for aggressive behaviour.

The dog has been placed on report and her records have been endorsed.

OHUTU IS FAMOUS AT WHITE ROCK JD 04679-2017 Border Collie owned by D Pemberton.

Agility Committee have advised that this female Border Collie has now completed the required 6 observations with no further incidents and reports of good behaviour.

The endorsement has been removed and the owner advised.

BENSON OB/8940 Springer Spaniel/Poodle owned by H Winch.

Agility Committee have advised that this male Springer Spaniel/Poodle has now completed the 2 months stand down period and the 6 observations with no further incidents and reports of good behaviour.

The endorsement has been removed and the owner advised.

OTTADALE RIVER TWEED STAR ADX 03069-2015 Border Terrier owned by R Baker.

Agility Committee have advised that this female Border Terrier has now completed the required 6 observations with no further incidents and reports of good behaviour.

The endorsement has been removed and the owner advised.

AG CH & J GR CH FATAL ATTRACTION AT MORDOR 02218-2015 Border Collie owned by K Morrison.

President of Taieri Canine Training Club advised that at their Championship Agility & Jumpers Event on 13 December 2020 that this female Border Collie lunged and bit an exhibitor on the arm. The bite was through clothing but broke the skin. No doctor or hospital treatment was required.

The Show Incident Report advises that the call board steward did not see the incident but heard the owner apologise. Show Manager was informed by the person who was bitten and a witness. This was after the owner had completed the run. It was the last class of the day so the owner could not be excluded from any other classes.

This was notified to Dogs NZ on 10 February 2021, 2 months after the incident took place.

The owner has been advised of 2 months stand down and the requirement for further training and for the 6 observations. Dog's records have been endorsed.

SPR CH & SPL GR CH REVELL TIS BALOU'S REIGN AT STRAMBURGH 02129-2016 Rottweiler owned by M Bell.

This male Rottweiler has successfully completed the required 6 observations with no problems reported.

The owner has been advised and the endorsement removed.

The E.C. expressed concern at the failure of show managers and show discipline committees to follow correct procedure on dealing with dog on report incidents at shows and notifying the National Office in a timely way. Notice to all clubs re: timely reporting on dog incidents at show is to be included in NZ Dog World, Club secretary email and Dog -iE news.

The need for better training of show managers / dispute committee members was emphasised, including developing online training courses. Current national office material on Club Show managers is to be reviewed as soon as possible by working committee of DH / TN / PJ / JB.

Report Received

NZ DOG WORLD / DOG IE NEWS REPORT

Report provided by Derek Johnson (DS).

NZ Dog World

The ongoing pandemic continues to have an impact on everyday life, and the dog world, with the recent run of COVID-19 Alert Level changes keeping us on edge for a few days.

But dog events are occurring, as they cannot in many other countries, and clubs are planning ahead, albeit within a somewhat restricted framework. The magazine notices reflect this and we are available to help keep the membership informed of any changes, either in advance or in response to a changing situation.

Our schedule listings increasingly reflect the new reality of clubs working together to create joint events to make the most of our domestic judging pool. We appreciate the patience of club secretaries as we work to manage schedules that require a certain amount of finessing and look forward to continuing to assist in the management of this new 'regime' as the year progresses.

We managed an 88pp issue for the end-of-year double December 2020/January 2021 issue; February 2021 was stable, in these pandemic times, at 64pp. The coming March issues likely be a similar length.

As predicted in the last report, our annual special Christmas issue advertising offer for members resulted in a variety of extra ads. Once again, we appreciate the support of all our advertisers.

Worth noting is that in our last issue, February 2020, we published a page marking the first Champion in the recently introduced Breed Class 18/18a for neutered dogs and spayed bitches. We have also made an adjustment to the magazine's awards and certificates sections to ensure members and the successful dogs are noted in this popular new class.

Dogs New Zealand Facebook page

The Dogs New Zealand Facebook page is now an established part of our communications pipeline.

It continues to offer a first point of contact for non-members, and we daily field queries about 'designer' breeds and rescue puppies in addition to approaches from potential new members approaching dog ownership and related sports with seriousness.

For some members, the Facebook messaging system seems to be the most convenient way for them to contact head office; this is not its function, but messages are redirected where possible, and members nudged as to which channel is correct for their query.

DOGIE News weekly newsletter

The new transmission day of Thursday continues to work well, and although we are able to create a 'special' newsletter to respond to extraordinary events (and were poised to do so during Auckland's recent spell of COVID-19 Alert Level 3), we have not been required to do so for some months.

Our open rates continue to be buoyant: the average for the last 13 weeks is about 63%, with several weeks at 70% to 76%. We have an anomalous 53% for one week but otherwise we've been consistently above 60%.

Otherwise, *DOGIE News* continues to be a well-read part of our communications pipeline.

To echo the first paragraph of this section, councillors and members should note that the newsletter option is available for any important or emergency communications, as it was during the main COVID-19 lockdown period during 2020. Our Facebook page is similarly available as a tool for quickly getting the word out to members.

Information only – Received

6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

JUNIOR DOG COMMITTEES

- **JDH**

Report provided by Jill Brooker (JB).

We have now completed 7 of the 10 heats scheduled for 2021.

Not so many years ago it was a hotly contested competition and we saw around 5-6 entries at every heat – sometimes more. With numbers declining at shows, it may be time to consider whether there is a way we can re-market the competition to the younger members to get them involved again and excited at the thought of winning this competition.

This year's final to be held on Canterbury Show Weekend at midday on Saturday 13 November.

With workloads, NZDJA have been struggling to get the paperwork and DVDs out to prospective judges when they apply, so we have taken that over on their behalf. All applications will still come via them as they are now.

The E.C. discussed the JDH finals and agreed to allocate \$2k in prize money in the current FY Budget plus sponsor prizes from Purina.

Report Received

JUNIOR DOG COMMITTEES

- **JDT**

Report provided by Polly Catlin-Maybury (PCM)

Our recent annual camp in Woodend, Christchurch, was as much fun as ever, with 49 children and their dogs coming together for a week of learning, making new friendships, renewing old ones and performing some pretty cool dance routines at the final night concert! Thank you to Brian for coming to be one of the judges and supporting our members.

Thanks to Cam List and his team of trainers for the dedication and effort they go to to make the week such a success. The camp venue has been booked and planning is already underway for the 2022 camp which will be in the North Island this time.

We have some new faces on the JDT committee again this year and I am excited about what we can achieve in the months ahead. There will be a big focus on fundraising, as ever, and we are exploring the possibility of a NI Schools Champ show.

Report Received

JUNIOR DOG COMMITTEES

- **YDS**

Report provided by Margaret Rayner (MR).

Qualifying heats in both the North and South Islands are continuing as All Breeds club allow. All heats have had good numbers and lots of interest. Have had several training classes but this has been only when time and rings allow. Again, there has been a lot of interest. It has been very heartening to see that the children are still keen to continue with these handler heats. Close off for this qualifying year should be set at the end of September 2021.

Need to find someone to take over upper South. All other areas very well covered and working well.

Discussion has been held regarding finals this year as there is no official Nationals. The following is what has been agreed to date:

- There should be two finals – one in the South and one in the North.
- Both finals should be a central location within the Island – eg: South would be Christchurch; North would either be Taranaki; Taupo or Hawkes Bay.

Discussions are underway with several clubs who have expressed interest. We need to take into account; weather; central location; ease of transportation of judges; accommodation.

All prizes are to be exactly the same. Once agreed for location then as local sponsors etc. Sashes etc can be decided later.

Basic Rules:

If a child qualifies in the South Island, they must compete in the final in the South Island. Likewise if a child qualifies in the North Island they must compete in the North Island final. We cannot have children changing Islands for the finals. There can be no exceptions.

Judges:

Two judges for two ages groups.

For the South Island, get North Island judges.

For the North Island, get South Island judges.

Ask a local person to judge the Kindy Kids – if this is to be run.

We will need to ask for expressions of interest closer to the time. We will need funding for these judge's expenses. Try and get all other expenses sponsored.

The E.C. agreed to add \$600 in the YDS budget to cover judges travel expenses. The large silver trophies are to stay in the National Office due to risk of damage in transport.

Report Received

AGILITY COMMITTEE

Report provided by Chris Richardson (CR).

The new term of the 8th Agility Committee commenced in December with our first meeting attended by Brian. It was great having him come along and introduce himself to us and us to him and to be able to throw some ideas and thoughts around about the direction of agility and how we can work in with Dogs NZ.

We need to update a couple of our regulations around the timing of committee takeover and the first meeting, as there was a period of unknown between the outgoing and incoming committees. The AC is about to put proposed changes out to our membership for consultation.

The AC is also currently working on enhancing our data collection around dogs scratching from shows so we the reason behind the scratching. If it is due to dog injuries, then the handlers will be prompted to enter more information around the injury, such as whether it happened in the home environment (or beach, out walking etc), or in the agility environment (at training, during competition etc). We want to collect comprehensive data around what injuries (if any) are being caused in the ring and at training. This will be crucial to have as evidence so we can show that we do in fact have the dogs well-being forefront in everyone's minds, and they are not being injured while doing agility. The E.C noted that this system would also be beneficial to confirmation and CH&W would like to work in with Agility to adopt this.

Judges

We currently have new judges coming onto the Trainee Judges panel, Donna Tofts, Dani Koningsveld and Robyn Shepherd.

The following promotions need to be ratified:

- Kevin Burnette who has applied for promotion to the Mentor Panel.
- Jess Tansey promotion from the Agility Panel to the Senior Panel.
- Lloyd Pallesen promotion from the Agility Panel to Senior Panel.
- Keri Neilson who applied to be reinstated on the Senior Panel k.

Moved: PJ, Seconded: JB - ratified

Our judge's details on the Dogs NZ website are out of date and would like propose is that we set up an API endpoint on the Dog Agility website that Dogs NZ can call to populate judges details on the Dogs NZ site – whether that be once a month to just update details, or on demand when the judges page is viewed on the Dogs NZ site.

The other option would be for me to set up an automatic email to Dogs NZ every time details of a judge changes, so they can be updated manually as and when required.

Equipment

The first stage of the equipment standardisation roll out is going well, with most clubs having made the required changes to their gear. Due to C19 the AC extended a couple of the equipment deadlines.

The E.C. discussed the database of dog injuries and would like the information to be shared with CH&W committee.

Moved: PJ, Seconded: LS - adopted
Report Received

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB)

Dog Obedience Committee Report March 2021

1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings

A Dog Obedience Committee Meeting was held on Saturday 27th February in Wellington.

2. February Discussion Papers

Four Discussion papers have been distributed to all appropriately registered Dog Obedience members at the beginning of February. These Discussion Papers were:

General: Change of name from Dog Obedience Committee to Dog Training Committee.

Obedience: Alteration of CD Retrieve article.

Working Trials: Dogs NZ Working Trials Long Jump Regulations.

Rally-O: Reduction of qualification score for Rally-O Excellent A.
Removal of current Rally-O Excellent stations 254 and 255 and replace with alternative submitted stations.

3. Rally-O Signs moratorium

Given a number of Rally-O signs currently available and a difficulty in keeping with the training of new Rally-O signs, it was agreed by the Dog Obedience Committee to endorse a twelve month moratorium on the introduction of any new Rally-O signs (being the period of 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021).

4. Judges Promotions and Appointments

After fulfilling all the required pre-requests for Obedience Judges promotions, the following applications were electronically voted upon by the Dog Obedience Committee members in January 2021 and approved:

Cheryl Dickson onto the Championship Test C Panel.
Carol Lavery onto the Championship Test B Panel.
Jenny Burn onto the Open Trial and Ribbon Trial Panel.
Pip Hosken onto the Open Trial and Ribbon Trial Panel.
Kerry Remon onto the Open Trial and Ribbon Trial Panel.
Karen Sadler onto the Open Trial and Ribbon Trial Panel.

Appointments Ratified

Moved: AB, Seconded: KB - ratified

5. National Dog Obedience Assembly 2021

Will be held in in October 2021 in Christchurch at the Riding for Disabled Arena and A&P Grounds.

6. Domestic Dog Matters

There is continued speculation as to whether a Domestic Dog Conference is to be held in 2021 which will depend on funding.

Any discussion regards Domestic matters should also include the proposed Domestic Dog Training levy, Purina Outreach programme and consequences for CGC.

7. Zero Accounting software

A recommendation was made that there be a liaison established between the Dogs NZ Treasurer and the three Obedience Regions regarding a zero-accounting package.

8. Trick Training

A submission from a representative group has been made to the Dog Obedience Committee for the introduction of Trick Training under the Obedience umbrella.

9. Attraction of Obedience involvement

The Dog Obedience Committee were advised by the Dogs NZ Director/Secretary of a Dogs NZ Club Toolbox programme designed to attract local community support. .

10. Train the Trainers

No Dogs NZ budget has yet been established for the continuation of the Train the Trainers programme.

11. Show/Event Managers Training

While this topic has been long discussed, no progress has yet been made. Currently however, a revision of the Dogs NZ Show Manager booklet with an intent to update Obedience content is being considered.

Moved: AB, Seconded: PJ- adopted
Report Received

SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

1. Scent Work Committee Administration

Subsequent to the last EC Meeting, several administrative matters have been dealt with.

2. Scent Work Committee Voting

Since the last EC Meeting, several Scent Work matters have been required to be voted upon, and this was done electronically.

3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations

Seven proposed alterations to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations were submitted electronically to the Dogs NZ EC for approval, to become effective from 1 January 2021.

An additional Regulation change is being sought at the March Dogs NZ EC for the provision of a Warm-Up Area being optional rather than compulsory.

4. Dogs NZ Scent Work Levy Form

A simplified form was drafted and accepted and is now available through the Dogs NZ website in editable pdf format.

5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual

To assist Scent Work Judges in understanding what their responsibilities are at Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials and how these should be conducted (and judged), a Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual has been written and is currently under review before being distributed to all Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges. This manual will also be used for Scent Work Judges training, and as a source for theory examination questions.

6. Appointment of Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges

Two applications to become a Dogs NZ Novice Container Scent Work Judge have been received and approved for EC endorsement:

Rosemary Cleator (Levin)
Shiree Brockie (Lower Hutt)

Moved: AB, Seconded: KB - ratified

7. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials

The very first Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials, hosted by Central Search Dogs, was held in Wellington on Saturday January 30th, 2021.

Not only was this Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials of historical significance, but also provided an occasion to test the robustness of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations along with guidelines established for the conducting of Scent Work Trials. Each proved to be entirely adequate.

Four Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges and Twenty-Six participants contributed to an extremely well planned and run inaugural Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial, which provided participants an opportunity to participate in four Novice Container searches (two of configuration A and two of configuration B).

8. Introduction to Dogs NZ Scent Work" workshops

Two "Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork" workshops were held in Auckland on December 5th and 6th.

Not only were both workshops well supported, but they were also found to be highly constructive through both content provided and subsequent ensuing discussion. As a direct result, there are now several active Scent Work training groups promoting and/or encompassing Dogs NZ Scent Work.

There are still sufficient numbers on the waiting list of all three Regions to continue hosting "Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork" workshops (Northern: 37 on the waiting list; Central: 11 on the waiting list; Southern: 43 on the waiting list).

At the time of writing this report, there is currently an "Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork" workshop planned for March 20th in Christchurch. Another is currently being negotiated and planned for in Bulls.

Also currently being considered are workshops for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Wairarapa, and South Canterbury areas.

9. Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors

There are nineteen Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work website.

10. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members

There are now over 300 persons currently listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register an effort is currently being made to determine how many of those registered are Dogs NZ members.

The E.C agreed to Judges Badges being allocated to Scent Work judges. A \$30 judge's fee is to be invoiced with split \$20/\$10 between Dogs NZ & Scent work. Scent work are to also be a separate cost / income line in Dogs NZ accounts

Moved: AB, Seconded: JB - adopted
Report Received

MUSEUM TRUST

Report provided by Keith Brown (KB).

A zoom meeting was hold on Sunday 14th of February and I am pleased to report that the trust has a new secretary Cathy Garvey-Webb and our Treasurer once again is Lauren James and our board is the following.

Jill Brooker, Jan Brownlie, Anne Dobie, Pip Hancock, Bronwyn Murdoch. All accounts where passed and we chatted about how to raise funds for the trust moving forward. With dogs Victoria and dogs NSW both hold back to back Champ shows each year for their own Museums and the board thought could the museum trust become an Assn to be able to do this. As the board would like to try and move forward in holding our own shows in 2022. We happy to rent a container to store all the museum items which will be based in Auckland or Wellington. We would also like to have a display in the main show area.

Information only – Report Received

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Report provided by Lucy Sandford-Reed (LS).

CGC ON TITLE CERTIFICATES

CGC Committee would like CGC Titles displayed on title certificates.

Recommendation

That CGC files be reclassified as award with the highest award displayed on all Title Certificates.

Moved: AB, Seconded: JB – approved

CGC PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

When promotional material is developed for the CGC Programme images must reflect CGC activities, either taken during assessments or from everyday activities that are consistent with CGC exercises.

CGC ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED:

- Selwyn Dog Training Club (all levels)
- North Shore Dog Training Club
- Kapiti Dog Training Club

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN MANUAL

Arend van den Bos has completed the exercise of gaining feedback from Assessors on the General Provisions and Foundation Exercises. The next step is to have a discussion with Assessors then make agreed changes to the CGC Manual. It is anticipated that this would take place at a CGC Conference or in a series of regional discussions in order to get greater participation by Assessors.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN CONFERENCE

AB to discuss with CGC committee re: a regional conference system with LSR/AB travel costs covered.

Moved: AB, Seconded: JB
Report Received

BREED STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (MH).

1. Alaskan Klee Kai

A request has been received to recognise this breed in New Zealand and there are already several of this breed in the country.

This breed has originated in the USA and the request is to adopt the UKC (United Kennel Club) breed standard.

The future goal is to get AKC recognition. Recently the AKC has placed the AKK into the (Foundation Stock Service Program), the starting point to full recognition to the American Kennel Club.

The breed is not recognised by FCI.

The problem with this request is that none of the Governing Bodies we typically recognise as the governing authority for their country or region have officially recognised the breed. We have not, to our knowledge, previously recognised breeds from the UKC or used their Standards.

Recommendation 1

That Dogs New Zealand decline the recognition of the Alaskan Klee Kai at this time.

Recommendation 2

That this decision be reviewed if, and when, the breed is recognised officially by the AKC.

Moved: AB, Seconded: KB – approved

2. Biewer Terrier

The Director/Secretary has advised that a member may be importing this breed and would like to register them with Dogs NZ.

The breed is officially recognised by the American Kennel Club and would therefore be able to be imported from there with a Certified Export Pedigree. The breed has not been recognised by FCI despite having originated in Germany.

On balance it is considered that the USA can be considered the Country of Development as the Breed Club has been in existence since 2006 and the AKC Breed Standard was first set out in 2018.

Recommendation 3

That Dogs New Zealand recognise the Biewer Terrier and place it in the Toy Group.

Recommendation 4

That the AKC Standard be adopted for the Biewer Terrier.

Recommendation 5

That all Disqualifications be replaced by Very Serious Faults.

Recommendation 6

That the NZ Dog Judges Association be requested to write an Open Book Examination which is to be passed by all judges on the Toy Group panel.

Recommendation 7

That this decision be placed in the NZ Dog World.

Moved: CM, Seconded: LS – approved

3. Shikoku

Dogs NZ has been requested to recognise this breed.

There are two of this breed in New Zealand and imported from Japan. The owners wish to breed but also to have the dogs registered.

The Japanese Kennel Club is a member of FCI, and the breed is recognised by FCI – FCI Standard N° 319.

The FCI Classification is: Group 5 Spitz and primitive type. Section 5 Asian Spitz and related breeds. This is the same classification as the Shiba Inu and Akita.

Recommendation 8

That Dogs New Zealand recognise the Shikoku and place it in the Utility Group.

Recommendation 9

That the FCI Standard be adopted for the Shikoku.

Recommendation 10

That all Disqualifications be replaced by Very Serious Faults.

Recommendation 11

That the NZ Dog Judges Association be requested to write an Open Book Examination which is to be passed by all judges on the Utility Group panel.

Recommendation 12

That this decision be placed in the NZ Dog World.

Moved: KB, Seconded: AB – approved
Report Received

Czechoslovakian Wolfdog

The Director/Secretary has advised that a potential member may be importing this breed and would like to register them with Dogs NZ.

As this is recognised breed under FCI the committee felt this was a straightforward application and recommends the following:

Recommendation 1

That Dogs New Zealand recognise the Czechoslovakian Wolfdog and place it in the Working Dog Group.

Recommendation 2

That FCI Standard 332 be adopted for the Czechoslovakian Wolfdog.

Recommendation 3

That all Disqualifying Faults be replaced by Very Serious Faults

Recommendation 4

That the NZ Dog Judges Association be requested to write an Open Book Examination which is to be passed by all judges on the Working Dog Group panel.

Recommendation 5

That this decision be placed in the NZ Dog World

Moved: JB, Seconded: LS - approved
Report Received

Giant Schnauzer

A submission has been forwarded to the committee from a breeder of Giant Schnauzers requesting that the current FCI Standard for this breed be adopted.

It is noted that we have traditionally used the UK Standard for this breed.

In the submission it is pointed out this is a European breed and that this Standard is the Country of Origin Standard

Recommendation 23

That Dogs NZ should adopt FCI-Standard N° 181 for this breed.

Recommendation 24

That all Disqualifications should be renamed as Very Serious Faults.

Recommendation 25

That a notice be placed in Dog World calling for submission

Requested Decision:

No submissions were received from the membership and the recommendations 23/24 from Breed Standards should be approved.

Moved: LS, Seconded: JB - approved
Report Received

NZDJA CHAIR REPORT

Report provided by Ray Greer (RG).

Since our two organizations got together last August/September to find a way forward re the shortage of NZ judges under Covid conditions we have new set of regulations, additional set of written examinations and scheduling of venues/dates for the practical's being some of the reasons.

NEW REGULATIONS:

In co-operation with the EC table these were put together to facilitate conditions where judges could fast track their examinations. The Ribbon parade and Open Show panels were amalgamated, which provided a springboard for 1st groupers to sit their examination after suitable observations, ahead of the usual criteria timeframes.

The results were two-fold.

The bleating from our members who felt that the carrot was not big enough for them, or that they didn't understand the criteria to sit was simply disappointing and unbelievable. What did not help the situation was that we introduced a training syllabus in Oct/ Nov 2019, notified to all of our branches and members, effective for the 2020 year. The nationwide lockdown in April did not help the branch training of the base requirements and the compulsory elements were part of the requirements to sit seeking promotion.

The second outcome of those new regulations are the following outcomes.

17 applied for aspiring!!!

17 moved into new open show panel, which gives them quicker springboard for 1st group application.

31 group candidates ...the highest number for 7 years.

Pass rate for the written was the 2nd highest rate in the last 7 years.

What we have observed that there are several BNZ Show Regs that need changing or suspending to not impede the progress of the numbers above. This has been forwarded under separate cover from NZDJA.

We had determined to review these regulations in November 2021 but will do a review of numbers of judges/available appointments mid-year.

EXAMINATIONS etc:

We are able to write all of the papers that were required for the last intake and are primed to do the same for the next intake. Practical examination dates/venue and examiners are all in place. Currently we are enlarging our group of examiners, with a seminar to be held in Auckland later on this year to target and bring more forward.

We have a sub-committee in place to look at on-line learning with an eventual goal of our written being carried out the same way. We have made the decision not to return papers this year to successful candidates, and only supply the wrongly answered questions to those who have failed. This is to assist our pool of questions for our online learning processes. Fiona Hodgson serves on this sub-committee and there are a lot of similarities within Agility in this respect,

CONSTITUTION:

Our constitution was given a major overhaul during the 19/20 year, with several remits being presented to our recent AGM. It now mirrors the voting and representation that the EC currently operates under, and our biannual voting system for all positions is to be held this year. This was a major undertaking for our committee, peer reviewed by our legal expert, but it is a complex process.

COMMITTEE & MEETINGS:

During the 2020 year the committee reverted to several ZOOM meetings. Whilst these represented some considerable cost savings the value of this way of conducting such meetings was mixed. The ability to sign off important documents was difficult.

The committee continues to work well, even with the workload being very high this year. It has taken its toll however with Debbie Hull, our secretary is not standing as is Bruce Anderson. The new constitution does away with regional representatives so we will need to ensure we assist our branches as best we can within the new structure.

The E.C discussed and noted the NZDJA report.

Moved: KB, Seconded: LS - carried
Report Received

FORRESTER PARK REPORT

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (AM).

1. The electrical upgrade & light replacement work have been completed.
2. We were fortunate to get a very good deal on a replacement board room table & chairs. The old tables are being retained for show & display use.
3. The show tables were no longer fit for purpose & have been replaced.
4. We experienced a heavy rain event at New Year that resulted in the drainage creek flooding & entering the building causing damage to the floor. An insurance claim has been lodged for the property damage & the DCC have also been contacted regarding the state of the creek. The insurance company has indicated that the claim will be accepted so we are in the process of getting quotes for the floor repair.
5. The DCC have also responded positively about the state of the creek. We had a very positive meeting with the Parks Officer & she is very much agreeable that work be carried out as soon as possible. She also listened to our suggestions regarding some simple, relatively cheap ideas around protecting the building from future flooding events. We are waiting for her report & timeframe once she has discussed it with her associates.
6. We are looking at possible cheap ventilation options for the building as it gets very hot at times. At this stage the project is purely investigative.
7. Our hiring fees will be increased on 1st April from \$30/session to \$40/session. This will only apply to the training sessions as it was felt it would be unfair to increase show fees at this time.

The E.C discussed and noted the Forrester Park report.

Moved: KB, Seconded: LS - carried
Report Received

7. CORRESPONDENCE

NZVA LETTER RE. CH&W APPOINTMENT

Letter dated 27 November 2020 received from NZVA about their representation on the Canine Health and Welfare Committee.

The E.C discussed and noted the letter. LS to contact Lorelle Barrett about her committee status.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Purina Sponsorship

BH reminded E.C. members to introduce Purina representatives at shows to breeders and members so they can develop increased relationships.

Museum Trust Request

I Keith Brown would like to apply on behalf of the Museum Trust to apply for Association under Rule 8. We would like to hold our own shows under the name: Museum Trust Association.

Moved: JB, Seconded: LS - carried

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

BH thanked the E.C for this weekend's meeting.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2021/2022 term)

1 – 2 May 2021, location tbc

18 June 2021, The Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

19 June 2021, ACOD

20 June 2021, Joint Meeting: E.C, Obedience & Agility Committee's

ST to provide cost break down of E.C meetings in Wellington v Christchurch before decision made on location of May meeting.

BH closed the meeting at 12.15pm on 7 March 2021.