



ACOD 2019 Minutes

Minutes of the 133rd Annual Conference of Delegates

Saturday 22nd June 2019, 10.00 am

Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

1. Roll Call

The President, Nigel Trainor, welcomed delegates to 133rd Annual Conference and thanked everyone for attending. At the top table were:

President: Nigel Trainor

Senior Vice-President: Geoff Collins (also Chair, Obedience Committee) South Island Vice-President: Keith Brown

Councillors: Jill Brooker Brian Harris Fiona Hodgson (Chair, Agility Committee) Clinton Hoeben Karen McIntyre Stephen Meredith Paul Robinson Lisa Slade Steven Thompson (Director Secretary, Dogs New Zealand)

The President called the roll to confirm attendance.

Present:

Name of Club	Delegates
Ashburton Kennel Association	Jill Watson
Auckland Kennel Council	Gay Meredith Jill Brooker
Bay of Islands Canine Association	Gillian Dickson
Buller Kennel Association	Apologies
Cambridge Kennel Association	Sue Johnson Sue Chaytor
Canterbury Kennel Association	Brian Harris
Canterbury Ladies Kennel Association	Arvine Gamlin
Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	Bronwyn Murdoch
East Coast Ladies Kennel Association	Apologies
Eastern Bay Of Plenty Kennel Association	Kay O'Carroll
Franklin Kennel Association	Ashleigh Rogers
Geraldine County Kennel Association	Jeanette Jack
Gore & District Kennel Association	Sue Pinnow
Hamilton Kennel Association	Giselle Jeannes
Hauraki Canine Association	Christine Potts Merle Powley
Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	Apologies
Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association	Davida Brown

Horowhenua Kennel Association	Kathryn Dixon Peter Sharp
Huntly & Districts Kennel Association	Pam Douglas Shannon Aldous
Hutt Valley Kennel Centre	Gary Carleton Lyn Carleton
Kapi-Mana Kennel Society	Caroline Matheson Martyn Slade
Kumeu Kennel Association	Ray Greer Shirley Rolfe
Ladies Kennel Association	Dianne Rogers
Manawatu Kennel Association	Betty Parker Geraldine Gulbransen
Marlborough Kennel Association	Trina Nichols Lavina Diamanti
Napier Kennel Centre	Apologies
Nelson District Kennel Association	Graham Lindup
Nelson Ladies Kennel Association	Elaine Beattie
New Plymouth Kennel Centre	Carole Tipler
North Canterbury Kennel Association	Lesley Chalmers
North Otago Kennel Association	Raelene Guthrie
North Harbour Kennel Association	Apologies
Otago Kennel Association	Louise Thompson-Parker
Poverty Bay Kennel Association	Apologies
Rotorua Kennel Association	Ros Mihaka
Ruahine Kennel Association	Helene Owen
South Canterbury Kennel Association	Jeanette Jack
South Taranaki Kennel Centre	Steve Tate
Southern Ladies Kennel Association	Annette Thomas
Southland Kennel Association	Lucy Murdoch
Taupo Kennel Association	Peter Sharp
Tauranga Kennel Association	Lorraine Handley
The Plains Kennel Association	Keith Brown
Tokoroa Canine Association	Ros Mihaka
Waikouaiti Kennel Association	Liz Monson Simon Monson
Waimakariri Kennel Association	Martin Hewitt

	Helene Street
Waimate Kennel Association	Apologies
Wairarapa Kennel Association	Chelsea Macklin Solitaire Robertson
Wairoa Kennel Association	Apologies
Wanganui Kennel Society	Apologies
Wellington Kennel Centre	Bill Crawford Jack Boyd
Wellington Ladies Kennel Association	Sue Wilkinson
West Coast Kennel Association	Donna Hailes
President	President and then Brian Harris
Obedience	Geoff Collins Sue Howe Karen Sadler Richard van den Bos Ruth Thorburn
Agility	Fiona Hodgson Reece Smith Emma Gregg Claire Smith
Auckland Group & Multibreed	Kathleen Hardwick
Auckland Specialist	Margaret Wilson
Waikato	Pam Douglas
Taranaki	Steve Tate
Wellington Group & Multibreed	Sonya Sloan
Wellington Specialist	Sonya Sloan
Canterbury Group & Multibreed	Bernard Fears
Canterbury Specialist	Bernard Fears
Otago/Southland	Dianne Tyssen

The President said current voting strength was 63. It was noted Upper Hutt and Pencarrow Kennel Associations had gone into recess and that Martin and Lisa Slade are trying to revive these clubs.

Apologies:

Beth Warman	Kaiapoi
David Fifield	Kaiapoi, Life Member
Maree Dickey	Auckland, Life Member
Norm Claude	Upper Hutt, Life Member
Napier Kennel Centre	
Waimate Kennel Society	
Poverty Bay Kennel Association	
Whanganui Kennel Society	
Wairoa Kennel Association	
Maureen Boyd	Wellington, Life Member
Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	
Shona Prebble	Ashburton, Life Member
North Harbour Kennel Association	
Buller Kennel Association	
Gary Doyle	Life Member, Selwyn
Karen Browning	
Sue Bingham	

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

**Ray Greer / Peter Sharp -
CARRIED**

Staff etc. in Attendance: 2019

Steven Thompson	Director Secretary	
Graeme Sugden	Treasurer	
Colleen Begg	Club and Membership Manager	
Rosemary Cleator	Canine Good Citizen (Chairperson)	
Wendy Woods	Minutes (Contractor)	

Obituaries

The Director Secretary read the roll of members who had passed away during the year. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for:

Sy Guth, Marton
Scott Taylor, Matamata
Don Parekowhai, Whakatane
L Costello, Christchurch

Roselin O’Keefe, Christchurch
Margaret Northcott, New Plymouth
Noelene Taylor, Auckland
Adele Hazelton, Porirua
Colin Tourelle, Christchurch, Life Member
Dawn Gardiner, Dunedin
Jody Harrison, Palmerston North
Colin English, Auckland
Margaret Morse, Auckland
L (Paddy) Watts, Otaki
Keryn Clark, Kawerau
Jillian Plant, Auckland
Ann Walker, Kaitangata
Clive Coulson, Amberley
C Jobsis, Auckland
J Garland, Oxford
Phillip Bennet, Manukau
Ursula Georgantas, Levin
Celia Dodson, Foxton
Terry Phillips, Richmond
Rowena Stanton, Ashburton
Vicky Mills, Waiuku
Celia Thompson, Napier

2. Minutes of 2018 Annual Conference of Delegates

Motion: That the Minutes be taken as read.

**Ray Greer / Pam Douglas -
CARRIED**

It was noted from the attendance list Peter Sharp, Horowhenua and Gary Carleton, Upper Hutt were not included.

Action: Secretary

Motion: That the Minutes of the 132nd Annual Meeting held on Saturday 23rd June 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment:

Geraldine Gulbransen / Gary Carleton - CARRIED

Bronwyn Murdoch suggested that the Executive Council made the Minutes available more quickly either on line, or a paper copy sent out. Another suggestion include them in the weekly E-Newsletter.

Kathryn Dixon, President Horowhenua wanted to know why she had not received the voting papers until 3 weeks after the final results were made.

The President noted that the papers would have been sent to their clubs Secretary. It was also noted that people need to check their Spam filter on their computers.

3. Life Member

President, President, unreservedly recommended Lesley Chalmers as a Life Member. Lesley's career has spanned more than fifty years of work in the dog industry and her contribution to the sport is impressive. She has being an award winning breeder, Judge, Treasurer and Presidents for numerous clubs all over New Zealand. Lesley is currently the President of the New Zealand Dog Judges Association of Canterbury.

4. Reports

- **President's**

President presented the President Report 'as read' noting in particular:

- As outlined in the Dogs New Zealand Year book, this has been a successful year. Financially we generated a \$57K surplus after depreciation while revenue increased 3.6%. This was helped by both NZDAC and NDS generating profits
- Dog Registrations have dropped by 4K and Executive will be investing in reversing this trend. Our sponsorship with Masterpet/Black Hawke is invaluable, if we did not have this relationship we would be running at a loss.
- Our three properties: Ardmore, Porirua and Forrester Park all need investment. Special thanks to Christine Wood, Auckland, Steven Thompson, Wellington and Ann McLachlan, Dunedin
- LRL schemes are important to the defense of our pure breeds, assisting in improving health. How do we attract the other breeds who have testing programmes outside Dogs NZ, which we cannot defend, to adopt LRL's?
- The three main areas of concern are: Clubs, Properties and Membership. There are strategic decisions that E.C. needing to be make.
- This year I will be standing down. Working full-time, it is hard to dedicate the time that is needed to the President role. What I didn't achieve and regret, was completing a Strategic Plan which I know will happen, with the new Executive Council.
- I have been blessed with such a hard working Executive who I want to thank for their support. .

There were no questions.

- **Financial Report (year ending 31 March 2019)**

Graeme Sugden, Treasurer announced that it was his 5th year and last at ACOD before he retires. Speaking to his report he noted:

- Had another clear Audit Report, the Balance Sheet is healthy, with \$2.4m in net assets, property with an estimated market value of \$9m, no debt and cash reserves of \$1.3m.
- Registration income was up \$55K on previous year, boosted by local and international breeders taking advantage of the tail docking deadline.
- The new financial year we are looking at a break even budget with investment programmes.
- Keeping the costs down. However have an issue with \$1.3m cash sitting in numerous bank accounts. This money is not working as hard as it could be if it was one large sum. We need to be investing better.

President: please accept the Financial as read.

**The floor/ Martin Hewitt -
CARRIED**

Questions opened to the floor:

Sonya Sloan said that members were disappointed that non-accountant people involved were unable to understand the accounts as they are not broken down to meaningful amounts. For instance 59% of the expenditure is lumped into one category - National Office Expenses without any transparency on these costs.

Graeme Sugden replied that only the Audit and Risk Committee receives the 20 full pages of information with breakdown in each expenses category. They write a report which goes to EC along with 3 pages of financial information (P&L, Cash Flow & Balance Sheet) which is even less information than is published in the Year Book. It provides EC with sufficient information to have proper accountability for the financial operations of the organisation.

President added the national office expenses is the cost of running the office. The lion's share of that is personal cost (64%) and includes depreciation of \$90. Sonya Sloan would like a further breakdown of non-salary costs for National Office which the President said would be raised with the new Treasurer.

Action: Treasurer

Sonya Sloan also asked if the over-draft was used in the last financial year and Graeme Sugden replied that over-draft has not be used for entire period he has been treasurer.

Sonya Sloan said that her club members were concerned that the Wellington, Auckland and Dunedin Venue Accounts were not listed separately in the Year Book as they have been in the past. While there are single income & expenses lines in the P&L for each venue more detail needs to be provided with separate accounts for each venue. The President replied that we are legally one entity and as such we are treated as one entity in the accounts.

Ros Mihaka, Rotorua Kennel Association had a query regarding the litter notifications stating they were up 6.76% while the registrations were down 5.96%. Looking at the number of pups registered to the numbers of litters recorded that is an average of 4.6 pups per litter which seems a little low. Is there a process that the office looked at with the litter notifications of the number of pups recorded within that litter to those that had been registered?

Graeme Sugden responded that there are timing issues between when we receive registry income and when registry applications are processed which can distort the figures. National Office was looking into how we better match registry revenue and processing records, especially during periods when we have a processing back log.

Liz Monson asked if those breeders that aren't registering their pups given the new rule that all pups must now be registered, is there going to be a penalty in place for those repeat offenders? The Director Secretary said that we are well aware of the issues around registration of litters and non-registration of pups as we roughly estimate there is \$50,000 worth of revenue that is not being collected which is a priority for the National Office.

Bill Crawford said he would like to acknowledge that the accounts are a thing of beauty as we recorded a profit after depreciation which is an amazing turnaround from the previous year. It appears from commentary coming through the accounts National Dog Show surplus and staffing levels are two ongoing challenges. Last year I had some scathing things to say, it would be remiss of me not to congratulate you this year and thank you. In finish I would like to thank Graeme Sugden as in four years there has never been an instance where he could not explain any questions I had about the accounts.

Motion to receive the Treasurers report.

All those in favour - CARRIED

- **The 2019/20 Budget:**

President: Budget taken as being read.

Martyn Slade / Brian Harris - CARRIED

President said Executive Council have had numerous debates on this budget as aims for a net cash surplus of only \$147 before depreciation of \$94k. The budget is conservative on revenue and includes investment requires to turn this ship around.

The Director Sectary said that when we put together a budget and business plan we looked at our very strong financial position. We have \$9m in assets with no debt and are sitting on 1.3m worth of cash. Most not-for-profit organsiations would kill to be in this position. What we have however is a static revenue line with only a variation of 2-3% on the annual revenue for the past several years. We also have a gentle decline on membership that is continuing, so we have some issues. While our Registry business is still strong, we are not quite sure of

the effect of what tail docking will have and we have a mismatch of litter registrations and puppy registrations.

We thought what was the use of sitting on massive cash reserves and not using those reserves to work for the organisation and address the issues we have: How do we recruit new members? How do we grow our registry business? How do we resource our dog training activities and our Out-Reach Programme to general dog owners to make Dogs NZ more relevant to them? How do we kick start those programmes? To do that, we are going to have to dip into the 1.3m cash reserves and, supervised by EC and Audit and Risk, invest that money very wisely to help grow the business.

Identified were 6 major projects to do as well as much needed investment in our properties. I was concerned that the Wellington property could not survive another winter without new windows. We have serious Health and Safety issues in Dunedin, which we could not ignore because we would be criminally liable. In Auckland we have a number of Consent projects which have deadlines.

The budget needs to achieve a breakeven even position before depreciation. As an organisation we have to realise what is the point of having a strong balance sheet and a pile of cash, if we continue to decline. We need to be brave to invest in a future that is better for all of us, and that is the thinking behind this budget.

President: – Questions from the floor.

Sonya Sloan said that our members want to know what will be spent on the Wellington venue and what repairs are planned for the coming year? The Director Secretary said the major repair is to fix the windows. We have an extensive maintenance budget to try keep the roof leaks to a minimum. However we need to take a long term view on what the capital investments that we have to undertake on all our properties.

Bronwyn Murdoch asked if the Wellington building has reached its use by date? It will require a lot of capital expenditure to replace the roof and need to ask if this building needs to be sold. Need to look at what we want in that region for the dog world. President replied E.C. is going to have to come back to next year's ACOD on any potential plans for future venue investment or plans to sell and re-invest in new facilities. Bronwyn Murdoch replied that a working group from the membership needs to be established for input before any final decisions are made on Wellington

Pam Douglas said is there anything in the budget put aside for future development for different activities for the NZ Kennel Club members? Some of us have very long memories and can remember the start of Obedience and the branch of Agility when George Mills was our Director Secretary. There are so many things our dogs could be doing if money was put behind them, like herding or nose work which are 2 new activities which have been taken up

in Australia. Director Secretary replied that there is Out-Reach Programme which is designed to support clubs to help grow their events and start programmes like scent work.

Karen Sadler said Obedience Committee is looking at scent work which is the same as nose work and has organised seminars to help introduce the sport (which have been advertised in the NZ Dog World).

Geraldine Gulbransen asked if the Business Plan could be on the website which the Director Secretary was happy to do as it has been signed off by E.C.

Action: Treasurer

Motion forward to have the budget adopted for the coming financial year.

All in favour – carried

- **Property Reports:**

President – I would like to move these report as read.

**Lyn Carleton/Peter Sharp -
CARRIED**

Properties

Auckland

Stephen Meredith said we have a fantastic team well led by Christine Wood who are working on a number of projects including upgrading our wastewater and sewage system which are requirements of resource consents. President noted that 2020 NDS dog show will be held at Ardmore which will help us manage show costs and deliver revenue to Ardmore.

Ray Greer said that we recognised venue revenue was flat lining again and to turn this around need to invest in making the facility more attractive to outside users. Under the current district zoning we are safe to operate as a Dog Facility for the next 30 years. Which gives us heart and to undertake the investment required.

President – All those in favour of receiving that report.

All In favour – CARRIED

Director Secretary: Take the 2 reports as read with the following overview:

Dunedin

The focus at Forrester Park is to address the venue's health and safety issues and I would like to thank that Committee and especial the work of Simon Monson on the re-construction of the front entry which now will meet health and safety standards. In the middle of negotiations with Dunedin City Council about signing a new 30 year lease for that facility. Want to expand the lease to take a bit more of the park land so we can address the health and safety issues with the grounds and on- site parking and camping.

Wellington

This is a large tired building that needs investment. E.C are establishing a Sub-Committee to look at the key issues with all 3 venues and put together a 5-10 year rolling Capex plan that can sequence into annual budgets and business plans. This important piece of work will give us some long term financial planning horizons. As part of the Capex planning we can explore if our venues are fit for purpose? Are we best to retain ownership or sell and reinvest the capital elsewhere?

Mover for both reports Ray Greer / Gary Carleton

5. Remits (3)

President said these are rule 15 standing orders. The movers of a motion shall be allowed 5 minutes to introduce the motion and 3 minute to reply to debate. No other member will be allowed to speak longer than 5 minutes. No member will speak to any question after it has been put be the Chair and accepted to point of order. Questions of order will be decided by the Chair, whose decision will be final. A motion and an amendment having been received, no second amendment shall be accepted until the first motion or the amendment has been disposed of.

Voting strength was 63 voting delegates so 42 is required to pass a remit.

Motion: That roll call be used for all votes.

Ray Greer / Pam Douglas - carried.

Remit 1 – Executive Council

Section III

8A.2 Memberships Fee scales

Add an addition rule 8A.2 (b) and renumber original paragraph A.2 (a) 8A.2 (b) Executive Council can at its discretion apply to the ACOD to increase the membership fee(s) by an amount above and beyond the CPI increase.

Move from the chair/Pam Douglas

Rationale:

Sometime the CPI is lot lower than the costs we face. Current C.P.I is 1.2-1.5% while costs are increasing in excess of 3%. .

Discussion:

Bill Crawford said he is opposed to motion as we should not be touching the membership fee while in declining membership. Others spoke against the remit because of their concern about the wording of the remit which should include “at its discretion to apply to ACOD to increase” as they are concerned about the financial effects on an elderly membership.

Pam Douglas said her clubs think this is an excellent worded Remit as it just allows the Executive Committee to decide whether or not they will bring forward a fee increase. Members then have the opportunity to vote if they approve or not the increase.

Margaret Wilson said we support this remit as the existing rule is past it’s use by date and we need to futureproof our organisation to deal with any major financial threats. Even if you have come vote against this please think carefully. Yes membership is declining but there has been no big increase of fees and membership has still declined.

Trina Nichols said I support this Remit what we pay in annual membership is quite low compared to other activities out there, so we get a lot for our money.

Ray Greer said I want to support this remit as there has not been the correct mechanism in our constitution to allow membership increases. This process corrects all that.

President said I want to make sure that people understand the remit, it does not mean the Executive Council can just put up the fees, it is just that we can bring it to the ACOD for a decision. I would anticipate this would be used sparingly.

Moved: From the Chair

The Vote:

39 in favour / 23 against – motion is lost

Remit 2 – Executive Council

Section III

8A.2 (a) Memberships Fee scales

Current

Fees shall be adjusted on 1 July each year by the Consumer Price index as determined by Statistics New Zealand for the year to 31 March in the current year. All rates shall be rounded up to the next \$0.10. The Director/Secretary may amend this Rule to show the new rates each 1 July

Proposed

Fees shall be adjust on 1 July each year be the change in the Consumer Price Index as determined by Statistics New Zealand for the year to 31 March in the current year. All rates shall be rounded up to the next \$0.10. The Director Secretary shall calculate the proposed increase and they shall be presented at ACOD for ratification.

Rational:

This is a simple change in process to add more formality to it.

Moved from the Chair / Ashleigh Rogers

The Vote:

62 in favour / 0 against – motion is CARRIED

Remit 3 – Executive Council

Section V

CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

20. CONSTITUTION (D) (VI)

Motion

The Rule 20(D) (VI) be amended as follow to provide absolute clarity to the replacement process when an EC vacancy occurs.

Casual vacancies in the Executive Council shall be filled by the member who recorded the next highest number of votes, in the year of the election of the Executive Council member causing the vacancy, in each case, provided that he or she shall be prepared to serve on the Executive Council, but if there is not one so eligible, the Executive Council will seek by email, expressions of interest from all eligible delegates. The casual vacancy shall in each case be filled by the Executive Council from amongst the appropriate North Island delegates, from the most recent ACOD, in case of a North Island vacancy, or from the appropriate South Island delegates in the case of South Island vacancy. Any person so appointed to fill such a vacancy will be elected for the remainder of the term that has been vacated.

Rational:

This is to provide clarity to the replacement process when an Executive Council vacancy occurs.

Moved: Paul Robinson/ Geraldine Gulbransen

Discussion:

Ray Greer said he is in agreement as it adds transparency.

Martyn Slade proposed we vote on the amendment by a show of hands. Floor seconded.

The Vote:

motion is CARRIED unanimous by show of hands

(At 12.20pm ACOD broke for lunch & resumed again at 1pm)

6. Recommendations (4)

President – the vote will be from a show of cards.

Green – is for yes. Yellow – no.

Recommendation 1 - Geraldine County Kennel Association

Re: Show Regulation 19.5 Professional Handlers has been withdrawn.

Recommendation 2: Southland Kennel Association

Change to show regulations 19.11 to allow Neutered Dogs to be exhibited in breed classes at championship shows.

Recommend:

19.11: Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches.

19.11.1

Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches may be exhibited in breed classes as any Championship Show where the acceptance of entry from spay and neutered dogs has been published in the schedule for the show. Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches will complete in their own classes (15, 16, 17 and 18) to be judged to Best and Reserve Neuter and Class for Breed and Group, and Best Neuter in Show and Class at In Show level.

19.11.2

Where only one Neuter / Spay class is offered in the schedule for the show, that the class will be Open (18/18a)

There was much discussion this recommendation with three amendments proposed:

Amendment 1: Proposed by Marlborough Kennel Association:

The amendment is for Show Regulation: 7.5 A Neutered dog or Spayed can be exhibited:
Second bullet point add: "in neuter/spayed breed classes."

Green cards = 52 - PASSED.

Amendment 2: Proposed by Pam Douglas / seconded Gary Carleton

Insert the first sentence from the Show Regulations. Remove the second and third sentence where it says Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches are disqualified.

Green cards 52 - PASSED.

Amendment 3: Proposed by Chair

The inclusion of the current first paragraph in Regulation 19.11.

The inclusion of 7.5 the Neutered and Spayed classes and the inclusion of a Neutered or Spayed Champion

Green cards = 44 - PASSED.

Recommendation 3: Hutt Valley Kennel Club.

Change to show regulation 13 Judging Order so that every class every class goes through to a group award but only the puppy and the Best of Group go through for In Shows Awards

Recommend:

Delete Show Regulation 13.10, 12.10.1, 13.10.2 13.10.3, 13.10.4, 13.10.5 and replace with:
13.10

Optional Ranking Procedure for Judging Group and In Show awards at All Breeds Show Championship Shows.

All Breed Clubs may at their discretion adopt the following procedure for Group and In Show judging at Championship Shows.

The judging of Best of Group etc. will be judged at the conclusion of judging in the following order: - Best of Group and Reserve Best of Group for all scheduled classes in ascending numerical order.

13.10.1

Best of Group placing are awarded from the Best of Breed winners. Best of Group and Reserve in Group awards are made followed by Baby Puppy of Group, Junior of Group, Intermediate of Group, and NZ Bred of Group & Open of Group.

13.10.2

Best in Show is awarded from the Best of Group exhibits. Second to fourth in Shows awarded. The second place in Group does not enter the ring for In Show judging. Best Puppy in Show is awarded from the Best Puppy of Group exhibits. Second to fourth Puppy in Show awards can at the option of the Club be awarded.

13.10.3

Clubs using this procedure must state in their schedule "Group and In Show Judging will follow the ranking procedure for judging – Puppy of Group and in Show will/will not be judged.

13.10.4

The Club may at its discretion award Puppy in Group in Show awards. These are judged after the Group in Show judging.

13.10.5

No other In Show awards are made.

There was much discussion before this recommendation was put to the vote:

Proposed Gary Carlton / seconded Ashleigh Rogers

Green cards = 11 - LOST.

Recommendation 4: Hutt Valley Kennel Centre.

Change to Show Regulations 19.4.

Recommend:

19.4

Dogs owned, co-owned or shown by Show Manager, Judges Stewards and Assembly Stewards.

19.4.1

A Show Manager or a Judges Steward shall not **enter** or handle in any Show Ring any dog at any Championship Show at which they are officiating, provided always that this subparagraph shall not apply where an exhibitor acts in an emergency.

Proposed Gary Carlton / seconded Dianne Rogers

Green cards = 2 - LOST.

7. Announcement of Votes Recorded (North Island Executive Council)

The President announced the results of the postal ballot as follows:

- Stephen Meredith (83 votes) Successful – 2 year term
- Lisa Slade (80 votes) Successful – 2 year term
- Steve Tate (62 votes) Unsuccessful

8. Announcement of Votes Recorded (South Island Executive Council)

The President announced the results of the postal ballot as follows:

- Clinton Hoeben (93 votes) Successful– 2 year term
- Brian Harris (79 votes). Successful – 2 year term
- Donna Hailes (34 votes) Successful – 2 year term
- Trina Nichols (19 votes) Unsuccessful

Brian will not be taking this position up as he was elected President so that the next highest polling candidate, Donna Hailes is elected to Executive Council.

9. Confirmation of President

Current President said there were 2 nominations:

- Brian Harris (69 votes) Successful - 2 year term
- Keith Brown (50 votes) Unsuccessful

Nigel Trainor then presented a badge to the incoming President and then vacated the Chair so that the new President can complete the ACOD.

Brian Harris offered a vote of thanks to the outgoing President. To the Members your support will be called on throughout the year as we have a lot of big issues ahead of us. We have

some marvelous people who have stepped aside. Nigel Trainor has done a fantastic job in the last 3 years. He stepped in with the passing of Clyde, which were big shoes to fill and he did an excellent job.

10. Election of Vice Presidents North Island

The President called for Nominations of North Island VP

- Lisa Slade - Gary Carleton / Caroline Matheson
- Steven Meredith - Geraldine Gulbransen / Sonya Sloan

Paul Robinson – nominated but declined

Results

A vote was taken by ballot.

- Lisa Slade (24 votes)
- Stephen Meredith.(35 votes)

The President declared Stephen Meredith as Vice President North Island

11. Election of Vice Presidents South Island

The President called for Nominations of South Island VP

- Keith Brown - Bernard Fears / Ashleigh Rogers
- Clinton Hoeben - Pam Douglas / Giselle Jeannes

Karen McIntyre - nominated but declined

Results

A vote was taken by ballot.

- Keith Brown (26 votes)
- Clinton Hoeben (33 votes)

The President declared Clinton Hoeben as Vice President South Island.

The President acknowledge the fantastic work Keith Brown has done as the outgoing South Island Vice President.

12. Election of Senior Vice President

The President called for Nominations of Senior Vice President

- Stephen Meredith - Sonya Sloan / Pam Douglas
- Clinton Hoeben - nominator and seconder not recorded

Results:

A vote was taken by ballot:

- Stephen Meredith(39 votes)
- Clinton Hoeben (20 votes)

The President declared Stephen Meredith as Senior Vice President

The President – now vote to destroy the voting Papers.

Ray Greer / Peter Sharp – CARRIED.

13. The position of Patron:

The President moved Her Excellency her the Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM QSO, Governor General of New Zealand be Patron of the NZ Kennel Club.

Moved President and Seconded from the floor – CARRIED.

14. Discussion Paper – Neutered Dogs

Ashleigh Rogers spoke to the discussion paper. The best way forward for Dogs NZ would to include desexed dogs in the regular classes which will encourage more people to participate in conformation shows. This view was supported by a number of members.

15. Presentation of badges

The President welcomed the new appointees to Executive Council, the Agility Committee and the Obedience Committee, and presented them with their respective badges.

The President acknowledged the immense work of Geoff Collins who was standing down from Executive Council as the Obedience representative.

16. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor

Motion: That Deloitte be reappointed as Auditor for ensuring year

Kathryn Dixon/ Dianne Rogers - CARRIED

Motion: That Gibson Sheat be reappoint as our Solicitors

Steve Tate / Ashleigh Rogers – CARRIED

17. Authority to borrow

Motion: That Executive Council is continue to be given Authority to borrow a maximum of \$250,000 for the year ending 30 March 2020 for the day to day running of the New Zealand Kennel Club trading as Dogs NZ

Ray Geer /Pam Douglas - CARRIED

18. General Business

Best in Show at National Dog Show:

Sonya Sloan asked for clarification on the order of judging for 2019 NDS for Best in Show which was provided by Keith Brown who said the Blenheim Show Committee had listen to membership feedback and come up with a show format that will appeal to exhibitors and retain the excitement of the build up to best in show that was experienced in Wellington.

Hosting ACOD in the Regions

Ashleigh Rogers spoke about the opportunity to hold ACOD in other places such as Taupo, or Dunedin. The President said that E.C. would consider the idea but the logistics burden of organising something like ACOD from outside Wellington needed to be considered.

FCI Membership:

Ray Greer asked the President to provide an update on FCI Associate Membership. The President outlined the process that Dogs NZ had entered into with FCI to be granted full Associated Membership which we expect to sign in September. We will be required to run at least two FCI shows per year and our judges of all three sports will be FCI recognized

Dogs New Zealand Properties:

Keith Brown spoke about the need for investment in the three properties and if the investment is worth it. He also spoke about the need for a balance between the show rental that venues need to meet maintenance costs and Club's ability to pay them from show income.

Bronwyn Murdoch asked if a recent valuation of the Wellington building has been done and a working group established to consider the future of the facility. The President replied that both had been done.

Museum Trust

Keith Brown delivered an impassioned appeal for more support via donations and benefit shows for the Museum Trust as it needs better facilities that can be open to the public in Wellington.

Show Calendar

Dianne Tyssen asked E.C. to look at spreading the show calendar out so it was not so crowded in summer period and made more use of indoor venues during winter. She would also like E.C. to consider extending the number of benefit shows that different properties can hold, so some of those clubs can change their dates. Show on one day, benefit show on another day. The President replied that this was on the agenda for the Blue Skies Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.07 p.m.

Confirmed as a true and correct record: