



**Minutes of the Executive Council meeting**

**Held at**

**Black Hawk Wellington Exhibition Centre**

**Porirua, WELLINGTON**

**on**

**April 7/8, 2018**

## 1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Nigel Trainor (NT) President	Geoff Collins (GC)
Beth Warman (BW)	Bevan Dale (BD)
Clinton Hoeben (CH)	Stephen Meredith (SM)
Karen McIntyre (KM)	Lisa Slade (LS)
Steve Tate (ST)	Maree McKenzie (MMcK)
Keith Brown (KB)	

### STAFF (AND SUB-COMMITTEES)

Peter Dunne (PD) – Director Secretary  
Graeme Sugden (GS) – Treasurer (11:30 am Saturday)  
Mandy Poore (MP) -- Events & Administration Coordinator (11:00 am Saturday)

### APOLOGIES

Ann Coulson (AC) – Audit & Risk (Chair)  
Becky Murphy (BM) – (CH&W)

### WELCOME

NT welcomed all to the meeting.

### LATE ITEMS FOR AGENDA (under General Business)

Pointer litter - BW  
Bitches in season - GC  
Kennel name allocation - CH  
Life Members - LS  
Sponsor - NT  
Dogs NZ properties - SM  
Dog on report appeal – PD/NT

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved ST; Seconded LS – Adopted

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

Last of EC members has now provided material for COI spreadsheet which, as required, was included in the minutes.

CH – NZDJA Judges list (self and wife Charmaine)

### EMAIL VOTES

Five since February 24/25

1. Suspension of kennel name
2. Otago/Southland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Championship Show
3. NI Bull Terrier Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Championship Shows
4. The Dalmatian Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Championship Show
5. Junior Showmanship Judge

Moved KMcl; Seconded LS – Ratified

BW's conflict of interest regarding the Otago/Southland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club was noted and consequently her vote will be removed from the records.

### OBITUARIES

Jan McPherson (CHRISTCHURCH), Mary Murnane (CLIVE), Caroline Davison (AUCKLAND), Jim Barrett (NELSON) and Phillip Campbell (AUCKLAND).

The meeting noted with regret the passing of Jan, Mary, Caroline, Jim and Phillip.  
Jim Barrett's location was corrected from Blenheim to Nelson.

**CORRECTIONS/CONFIRMATION OF FEBRUARY 24/25, 2018 MINUTES**

Minutes taken as read.

Matters noted

- Spelling errors on Pages 8 & 15 of minutes
- BW asked whether the clubs impacted by their contracting of a suspended FCI judge had been reimbursed. PD and others were not aware if this was the case. At the same time it was noted that a register of issues related to judges had been established. PD to review accordingly.
- PD to address the matter of the renaming of the puppy as discussed at the February meeting.
- PD to revisit the wording related to the Weighing of Miniature Dachshunds and recirculate to EC
- On the matter of Staff reviews as raised NT noted this was an internal matter under the jurisdiction of the Director Secretary.

Minutes confirmed with amendments to be made.

Moved CH; Seconded MMCK – confirmed

<b>2. IMPORTANT ITEMS</b>
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**2018 ACOD PREVIEW**

The planning is well underway for the 2018 ACOD on Saturday, 23 June. The format remains largely unchanged:

Friday, 22 June	Executive Council meeting
Saturday, 23 June	ACOD
Sunday, 24 June	NZDJA AGM/Conference
	Dog Obedience Committee meeting
	Agility Committee meeting

The Canine Health & Welfare Committee has a meeting scheduled at some point over the weekend with the date and time to be confirmed.

**Remits, Recommendations & Discussion Papers**

None received from external parties by closing date of Monday, 2 April. Those previously discussed at the EC meetings will be sent by email for ratification to include on-line voting.

**Delegates**

Auckland Group – Kathleen Hardwick	Auckland Specialist – Margaret Wilson
Waikato – Pam Douglas	Taranaki – Steve Tate
Hawkes Bay – Brian Townsend	Wellington Group (& Specialist) – Sonya Sloan
Canterbury Group (& Specialist)-Bernard Fears	Otago/Southland – Dianne Tyssen

**Executive Council nominations**

Received for Jill Brooker, Paul Robinson and Steve Tate in the North Island with voting material sent on 6 April. Voting closes on 7 May. No vote required in the South Island with Keith Brown and Karen McIntyre subsequently reappointed.

**Breeders Hall of Fame Presentation**

As in previous years agreed that the presentation will be made during the ACOD.

**Other presentations**

1) Held over from 2017 – Membership/Organisational Culture. 2) This should lead into relevant section of Blue sky paper. 3) Dogs NZ properties & 4) Canine Good Basics.

**Joint meeting (Budget & Finance)**

To be staged on Sunday @ 8am to involve:

- Audit & Risk Committee
- Treasurer & Director Secretary
- Forrester Park & AEC Chairs & Treasurers
- Agility & Obedience Chairs & Treasurers ( thereby encompassing NDOA & NZDAC)

**President's Report**

Legal costs and National Dog Show (loss) to be covered in report and highlighted when spoken to.

**BREEDERS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

Two nomination were received for consideration.

**NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS**

Given recent discussion on the number of championship shows available the requests for extra shows have been sent to EC for approval or decline. Previously these had been determined by the office. It was agreed that the Show Regulations be amended to state that all clubs may now hold up to two championship shows with any application for a third show to be placed in front of EC. Draft amendments to the Show Regulations to go before EC in addition to a supporting policy with set conditions contained within.

Moved: SM; Seconded LS – passed

The Benefit Show protocols were included in the EC papers but discussion will be held over until the July meeting when advices and applications are considered.

**2018/2019 MEETING DATES**

INTL WK	2018/2019	Venue
30	July 28/29	Wellington
37	September 15/16	Wellington
47	November 24/25	Wellington
8	February 23/24	Wellington
14	April <del>6/7</del> 27/28	Wellington
25	Jun-21	Wellington

A recommendation was tabled to have the September 15/16 meeting held in Auckland to coincide with the NZCAC Conference (September 17-19) but this did not find support. Those interested in attending the latter will be canvassed separately. At this point all meetings are scheduled for Wellington with PD to look at a Christchurch option.

A second recommendation to change the April date was supported giving a better spread of weeks between meetings and timelier reporting leading into ACOD.

Moved: CH; Seconded KB – passed

<b>3. OFFICE REPORTS</b>
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**DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT** (Matters not reported elsewhere)

- Short turnaround between Feb & April EC meetings noted and pleasingly amended in 2019.
- A good deal of time has gone into update of budget particularly in relation to NDS and the properties. The latter will be an agenda item at the upcoming joint finance meeting at ACOD.
- Disputes and complaints remain a time consuming issue. An update was provided on three of these. Also noted were two cases regarding the registration of dogs. Discussion ensued that unless all paperwork is completed then all parties are to be advised that the issue must be dealt with within a legal jurisdiction.

Moved; CH: Seconded; KMcl – passed

- Full Staff meeting being held on 18 April to discuss options re workload etc. given Mandy Poore's recent resignation.
- To date have been unable to source full schedule of fines applicable in Australian states for breaches of responsible breeding practices. PD to approach Dogs Qld.
- Updated Action Point schedule set out

Report received; Moved CH: Seconded; MMCK – received

### **IT/On-line Show Programme Report** (Sue Conner)

#### **Security**

Dogs NZ will no longer keep and manage passwords allocated to clubs and members. An automatic process has been installed so users can reset these if necessary.

#### **Website**

Club section frontage has been moved to the new site. Link to old site still available until all reformatting and coding is finished. Still on track to have members also transitioned to new site by 30 June 2018.

Work has been undertaken successfully to promote our website ranking through google searches.

#### **Fibre broadband**

In discussion with Vodafone to enhance conferencing capabilities from within office. SC to speak with GC.

#### **Automated form builder**

Form developed for collection of data on-line which was used for ACOD this year in addition to NDOA registrations and NDS grooming spaces. Editable functions as added will allow this to be used more frequently in the future.

#### **On-line Show programme (OSP)**

##### **Internet connection issues**

Internet access is required on the day to produce challenges and enter results. Unreliable Wi-Fi can impact on this. A word document template has consequently been developed for the challenges. This has been trialled successfully by clubs. Results need not be entered on the day.

##### **NAF/RAF's**

With Show Regulation 10.13 being deleted on 1 May key now is communication through Dog World, club emails and other show administrators not using Dogs NZ OSP.

##### **Payments process**

Investigation to take place as to the feasibility of clubs having access to an online payment gateway provider allowing payment to be made at the same time and entries are lodged i.e. as applies for Dogs NZ.

##### **Temporary Permission to Show**

Work in progress i.e. ability to be treated within the Registry to remove duplication.

Report received; Moved LS: Seconded; GC – received

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

GS in attendance (Treasurer)

- The February financial reports (summarised) were included in the EC papers. The A&R Sub-committee had previously received the full set of papers.
- February showed a surplus of \$27k for what was budgeted as a break even month. However, \$19k of that was an adjustment for the treatment of website costs.
- Net cash deficit to February 28 stood at (\$57,161) against a budgeted surplus of \$82,030. The EOY result should not vary greatly from this position.
- The Dog World (Gazette) results remain favourable some of which accounts for part of the membership deficit under NZKC.
- Ardmore expenditure is unfavourable due to the unplanned but necessary roof repairs and this will be compounded by the early termination of the painting contract which will require settlement in March. The overall property position is offset somewhat by the under-spend in R&M in Wellington which is not an ideal situation.
- The auditors are due in Monday, 09.04 and all cost centres have provided material in a timely fashion.
- Sybiz is being upgraded over the next few weeks which should be a relatively seamless process.
- The valuations of the three properties is currently underway for insurance and market value purposes.

- Total cash at 28 February was \$1,177k and down \$5k from January.
- NT questioned how the hire-age rates were set in each of the three properties. PD reported there are no rules as such but it is left to the committees to manage these with local knowledge. It was agreed that this will be an agenda item at the joint finance meeting at ACOD and NT will note it in his Yearbook report.
- SM noted that there has been a change in the Ardmore Treasurer.
- SM also queried whether Ardmore should be receiving their GST component back in unfavourable months but it was noted that this is not the case as it works both ways and ultimately it is all Dogs NZ funding.

### **2018/2019 Budget**

- An updated draft budget (summarised) was included in the EC papers. The A&R Sub-committee had been provided the full budget the previous week.
- The original budget showed a cash surplus of \$16,580 and, now adjusted, that sits at \$104,718 with a surplus after depreciation of \$14,406. A table was provided setting out the key changes. In brief these related to an increase in subscriptions, a CH&W levy on registrations, no grooming marquee at the NDS, no TV budget for a national event, agility equipment be capitalised and personnel costs be reduced. PD to signal to AC the different position in relation to the treatment of agility equipment.
- The overall position in relation to the three properties was set which clearly indicate that in the current environment it is not possible to show a surplus after depreciation.
- Also budgeted for the 2018/2019 year is capital expenditure of \$97,500 mainly related to the three properties in addition to new registry programmes.

2018/2019 Budget: Moved: BD: Seconded KB – accepted

The tables as presented in the papers will form part of the ACOD budget presentation and it is important that every opportunity is taken to "sell the story".

Report received; Moved: LS: Seconded KB – received

### **EVENTS & ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR** (Mandy Poore in attendance)

- Steady bookings in Wgtn venue.
- Given previously raised concerns on the staging of a 4<sup>th</sup> event (Discover Dogs) we and Black Hawk will be talking with "Dog Lovers Show" personnel regarding being involved in an Auckland event. They are Australian based and run successful events there in conjunction with member states.
- Working with 2018 NZDAC personnel on branding and funding of late. \$10k appln lodged with Pub Charity.
- Junior Dog Showing – with the recent change in personnel MP has been looking to provide resources and processes to provide consistency throughout the country.
- ACOD registrations closed on 2 April and were very slow so extended to 13 April. All key arrangements in place.
- NZCAC Conference – initial bookings made to include dog on-site.
- Pet Expo dates tabled for information.
- 2018 NDS
  - Working through timetabling issues given heavy workload on one judge
  - Met with PCC with funding appln to be lodged by May close-off
  - New budget presented with all unconfirmed funding income removed balanced in the main with no grooming marquee. Discussion ensued to remove the marquee:
 

Moved: KB: Seconded LS – passed
  - Accommodation all booked.
  - Parking remains a concern – have met with Turner's personnel.
  - Prelude judges (2) contracted. Schedule to be finalised with Gary Carleton.

Number of conformation entries queried and MP/PD asked to look at Prizes cost. Is cash an option? MP/PD to also check the cost of the 2 Prelude judges. An option for catalogue printing may be through SKA contacts.

- 2019 NDS
  - The funding appln presented to Marlborough District Council (MDC) was included in the papers. MDC has since confirmed their support to cover the venue cost.
  - KB as the local Chair spoke to the event
    - NDS being run over 4 days – 2 judges/2 groups per day.
    - 2 grooming areas available
    - MDC/Dog Control looking to trial Dogs on lead in Blenheim over duration of event
    - Looking at family ticket to cover all days/all events
    - 3 rings available – 2 x Breed & 1 for displays/meet the dogs
    - Planning to stage Agility & Obedience shows at A&P grounds

Support sought for 2019 NDS to be staged in Blenheim:

Moved: LS: Seconded CH – passed

Report received; Moved: SM: Seconded GC – received

### **DOG WORLD REPORT**

Report provided by Frances Phillips (and GS) for February, 2018.

- A breakdown of advertising from the Feb magazines was set out.
- Surplus to 28 February is \$42k and well ahead of budgeted \$23k. The unbudgeted increase in subscriptions has contributed to this and both member and non-member advertising is well ahead of budget.
- Contract with PMP Ltd (printers) is up for renewal on 1 July, 2019.
- The “wrapper run” statistics were set out in monthly form from 2014 to current month. Shows a 7.2% decline over a 4 year period.

Report received; Moved ST: Seconded; GC – received

### **CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER** (Colleen Begg)

- Central Welsh Corgi League – application for second show. Further to EC's previous decision this is approved.
- Central Golden Retriever Club – application for second and third shows. Further to EC's previous decision the second show is approved as is the third given it is being held in conjunction with the NDS.
- SI Collie Club – Following the SGM on 4 March the approved changes to the club's rules have been lodged with Incorporated Societies. Club is now formally in recess until AGM scheduled for 5 May. Request for Bernard Fears to be appointed by Dogs NZ as scrutineer – no issues from table.
- LS spoke of the hurdles encountered when looking to join Dogs NZ (and a club) and suggested an alternative being that once they have joined Dogs NZ the office provide what look to be best options for the member. PD to discuss in-house.
- North Shore KA & Northland CA – SGM being held on 10 April to consider merging under the name North Harbour Kennel Club. This would mean the loss of two All Breed Championship shows. Is this a concern or does a loss of shows actually fit a longer term strategy? Blue Sky Group to look at the “ideal” number of shows in each area/region.

Report received; Moved ST: Seconded; KB – received

### **Dogs on Report:**

#### **Shantleigh Pretty in Pink 03287-2017 Mastiff owned by L Kennedy**

Female Mastiff excused from the ring at the AEC Benefit Show on 4 February, 2018 for lunging and aggressive behaviour towards the judge. Owners have been advised (on 9 Feb) that the dog is now to be observed. An unsolicited apology to the judge has been acknowledged and the dog is undertaking training.

**Federal Star of Justice JD RN 02922-2015 Pyrenean Sheepdog Long Haired - owned by T Page**

Unfavourable report received when under observation on 18 February at South Canterbury DTC show. The matter then rested with EC at this (April) meeting. The owner was written to and lodged an appeal at the meeting.

The appeal letter advised that the dog had never bitten another dog or person and the owner had been referred to a dog behaviourist (a Dogs NZ member). The meeting agreed that:

1. EC support the action being taken
2. If a favourable report is received the Agility Committee will appoint an independent assessor to undertake a temperament test with the dog.
3. Application then to be made to EC for consideration to be given for the dog being able to enter fixtures whilst under observation (6)

**Waitoha Flow Like Bowie 04358-2016 Border Collie - owned by H Crengle**

This male dog bit a fellow exhibitor at the All Breeds DTC Obedience Test on 21 January, 2018. Owner has been advised that the dog is now to be observed and has been entered in an upcoming show.

**Waitiro Designer Lace 03990-2017 Rottweiler owned by C Duder**

This female puppy has now been shown and observed without incident at 6 shows and the owner has been advised it is no longer on report.

**Oakway Urban Angel 02718-2016 German Shepherd Dog owned by R, R & L Halliwell**

Following a successful appeal to EC regarding issues at shows in 2016 this dog has been shown and observed without incident at one show.

Report received: Moved: GC: Seconded LS – received

**CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER**

Report provided by Dr. Becky Murphy and spoken to by ST

- Since inception there have been 55 breaches of the BCOE representing about 1.4% of notified litters.
- DNA policy update – a proposal was tabled with timelines set out for the first four steps. This was accepted in principle with a small number of queries to be referred to CH&W and a suggested deferment of the date of the first step.
- BOAS Chamber purchase – met with Massey Uni on 29 March. They will submit a proposal for the June meeting and consideration will be given to the submission of a joint appln to NZCAT (supported by NZVA CAV). NT to investigate options through the DHB system.
- BWG initial meeting held on 27 March. Appointed reps – Tricia Kraan (Bulldogs), Ashleigh Rogers (Pugs), Helene Owen (Boxers) & Loretta Lovell (French Bulldogs) with CH&W reps – BM, ST (Chair), LS, Mike Dellow and Karen Leslie.
- Vet Council has been made aware of issue relating to whelping by 11 year old Hungarian Vizsla.
- 2018 seminar dates (3) being finalised with NZVA CAV
- Dogs NZ Policy Development – BM to draft the CH&W Position Statements for EC ratification to give ability to respond quickly to issues as raised by the media. 11 topics were listed in priority order.
- A breed health survey will be undertaken in 2018 to sit alongside the ABS review.
- Breed Health Liaison Officers – currently have 18 individuals representing 16 breeds with the prime role being one of communication.
- Next CH&W Committee meeting is Thursday, 21 June prior to ACOD.

Report received; Moved CH: Seconded; SM – received



#### 4. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### AUDIT & RISK

Report provided by Ann Coulson (Chairperson)

- Reviewed Feb accounts. Close to EOY so now about 2018/2019.
- Reviewed budget and note positive result after depreciation with a number of comments:
  - Key improvement from treatment of Agility equipment
  - Further improvement re increased fees (member & CH&W)
  - 2018 NDS showing unconfirmed grants
  - Require more certainty around NDOA
  - Important staff and committees are behind budget

PD noted that the 2018 NDS budget had unconfirmed grants removed and to show break even bottom line expenses had been reduced and, in the main, the removal of the grooming marquee.

Report received; Moved SM: Seconded; KB – received

##### DISPUTES

Report provided by Geoff Whitfield (Chairperson)

##### NDS JUDGES

Report and Terms of Reference provided by Beth Warman (Chairperson)

Agreed that as the 2019 judges were not ideal for the proposed format the sub-committee would get together on Saturday evening to finalise.

BW to forward PD the names of judges as agreed for contacting and contracting (2019).

Terms of Reference to be updated to incorporate KMCI's thoughts with all (TOR's) to be filed in central location.

Report received; Moved MMCK: Seconded; CH – received

##### AGILITY

Reports provided by Bevan Dale (EC representative) & Carl Ranford (NZDAC Chair)

- Next AC meeting in April to discuss, amongst other items, regulation changes after consultation with the membership
- Judges sub-committee recommendations:
  - Appointment to Trainee Agility panel  
Linda Mortimer, Jinnie Gailey, Misha Baxter & Erin Ball
  - Promotion to Agility Ribbon panel  
Jess Tansey & Emily Tighe (Jess now joins both parents as an Agility judge)
  - Promotion to Senior Agility panel  
Graham Jefferies

Moved BD: Seconded; KB – ratified

- 2018 NZDAC appears to be making sound progress since issues addressed. Noted that relationship with sponsor worked well in 2017 after joint meeting.
- Thought that in 2019 with NZDAC being held in Wanaka the opportunity exists for an Agility road trip – 2019 NDS in Blenheim, Agility competition (following weekend)?? and then NZDAC in Wanaka

Report received; Moved ST: Seconded; LS – received

##### 2018 NZDAC

- Have appointed new personnel – Chair and Treasurers (2)
- Added additional set of jumpers in looking to attract extra competitors & income
- Applying to Pub Charity for grant (part of venue cost)
- Zone 3 clubs are fundraising to cover cost of Intl judge
- In process of finalising detail to update wider Agility community

Report received; Moved BD: Seconded; GC – received

## OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Reports provided by Geoff Collins (Chairperson) & Arend van den Bos (NDOA Chair)

- Last meeting held on 11 February in Porirua. Next meeting is on the Sunday, 24 June post ACOD.
- Both Sue Richardson & Lee Engert have stepped down from their Central Region roles on the Obedience Committee due to injury & ill health respectively. Karen Sadler subsequently appointed to Representative role effective immediately. Nominations for Deputy Roles (all regions) close 16 April.
- Looking to engage with one or more of the "Train the Trainers" on Canine Good Basics programme. Further discussion to be held with Rosemary Cleator.
- Concern raised in report on behalf of committee to any proposed change to staging of Obedience at 2018 NDS.
- Thanks to CH for attendance at NDOA. NT apology. A very good article was placed on Stuff (on Dogs NZ website).
- Several proposed regulation changes going out for voting in April.

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; KB – received

### 2018 NDOA

- Almost everything in place for event with thanks to office staff for assistance.
- Entries look to be down about 20% from 2015 and likely as a result of change of date (only 5 months since 2017 NDOA)
- Very few entries for CGC so financial impact felt here
- Event looking to run at a loss given lower entries and no funding (Gaming Trust) support.

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; KMcl – received

GC noted that the NDOA itself went well despite difficulties encountered with photographer and caterer. Meeting was reminded that the staging of NDOA's at Easter is subject to review after 3 years i.e. post 2020 event in Central Region.

## CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Written report provided by Rosemary Cleator (Chairperson)

- CGC Conference – 21/22 July in organisational stage and discussion to be held with GC & PD on Canine Good Basics being focus on 2<sup>nd</sup> day.
- Noted in report that achieving a profit is not main aim of CGC.
- CGC promotion by Titahi Bay COC at local school gala was very well received.

Report received: Moved GC; Seconded KB – received

EC agreed with "profit" comment noting that is the reason \$7.2k of sponsor funding is allocated to CGC.

## NZDJA

Report provided by Kaye Finlayson (Vice-President). Noted that Ray Greer (President) is still currently laid up in hospital.

- Theory examinations held across country on March 20. Subsequently the following judges were put forward for ratification to go onto Open panel immediately:  
Teresa Lawrence, Debra Sheddan, William Hansen, Trish Andrews, Hermione Peach, Sonia Nicholson, Paul Goodwill, Charmaine Hoeben & Nicole Adams  
As no practical examination is required for Hermione Peach (Specialist panel – Beagles) she is also to go onto panel immediately  
Moved KB: Seconded; LS – ratified
- A list of those now eligible to sit their Practical Examinations (Specialist & Group) was also provided.
- Shannon Aldous had been granted NZDJA permission to sit the Open panel examination but as she has not served the appropriate time on the Ribbon Parade panel will be presented at a later date for promotion.

Report received; Moved: LS: Seconded KB – received

**BREED STANDARDS (nothing to report)****MUSEUM TRUST**

Report provided by Keith Brown (Chairperson)

- Gore & District KA has donated all silverware (PD to check it has been received)
- Letter received regarding a QSM being donated on behalf of former member. Sam Diggins dealing with.
- Standard ¼ page ad to in Dog World with Trustee names and contact details
- KB looking to spend time in Wgtn with other Trustees on stocktake
- KB happy to assist with Akld fundraising once site settled upon
- Noted all funds to date have been raised for spend in Wgtn and likely be allocated to move downstairs after 2018 NDS

Report received. Moved LS; Seconded ST – received

**FORRESTER PARK**

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

- Following receipt of the Fire & Building Inspection reports work has commenced and will continue subject to budgetary constraints.
- Kitchen upgrade will be deferred until essential work is completed and funds are available.
- Awaiting DCC approval for planting plan.
- Looking to purchase a sweeper to reduce current cost of cleaning venue floor.
- Have quote to replace and improve lighting at front of building.
- Currently venue bookings are steady but Improvements to venue should make it more attractive for commercial users.

Report received. Moved KB; Seconded LS – received

**AUCKLAND PROPERTY GROUP**

Report provided by Christine Wood (Chairperson)

- Quotes being attained to address the roofing issue at the right end of the toilet block which is also impacting on the Manukau DTC rooms.
- Also attaining a quote for the slow leak in the kitchen of the rental property.
- Painting maintenance programme has been terminated early by the contractor and the final payment has been agreed upon and paid.
- Carparks have been revamped and are now looking to be more vigilant in the collection of fees.
- Other quotes being sought are under floor (rental property) and confirmation of original shed quotes.

Report received. Moved BD; Seconded LS – received

**JUNIOR DOG HANDLER (JDH)**

Report provided by Kirsty Hubbard (Coordinator)

- A copy of KH's report as provided for the April Dog World was included in the papers. In the main the report set out heat winners to date (8) and the dates and venues for the remaining heats (5).

Report received. Moved LS; Seconded BD – received

<b>5. CLUB MATTERS</b>
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**SI GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE OBJECTION TO DATE CHANGE**

The above club had objected to the change of date as advertised by the South Canterbury KS from 2019 on in the Dog World. The reasons for the date change were set out in the papers as were the reasons for the objection to it. Executive Council agreed that the priorities for dates are set out in the Show Regs i.e. All Breed clubs hold top priority but, given the circumstances, both clubs could retain the date in question without the SI GSDL requiring the permission of the South Canterbury KS. Both clubs to be advised as such with the South Canterbury letter noting Executive Council's thought that the club may wish to rethink their date due to the impending congestion of All Breed shows in the South Island.

Moved SM; Seconded CH – passed

## **CLUB SURVEY (ON-LINE SHOW PROGRAMME)**

Two of the questions in the Club Survey had related to the Dogs NZ On-line show programme and the office had reviewed the feedback and commenced communication with the clubs in question. The communication noted that some improvements had been made and highlighted those undertaken most recently. It also invited further dialogue.

Copies of the club survey feedback and communication were placed in the EC papers as background information as was a list of clubs (122) which have utilised the programme and the number (86,385) of dogs/entries involved.

## **6. REGISTRY**

### **BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS BREACH**

An appeal was lodged following a breach under the BCOE and in this instance for the mating of a bitch over 8 years of age. It was agreed that the breach would be treated in the same manner as applied at the February meeting - the breeder would be advised:

1. The appeal was declined
2. That the penalty system applying to breaches of the BCOE is being reviewed and should changes be made then they would be offered to the breeder.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **RESTRICTED REGISTER/EARLY DE-SEXING**

Correspondence was received from a Dogs NZ member in relation to the commentary in the President's report contesting whether there was any need for the Restricted Register. The member maintained it was required to provide protection from poor breeding practices. PD to respond stating that such protection (by way of endorsements) would remain on the Full Register if the Restricted Register was discontinued.

The correspondence also noted concern that some Dogs NZ breeders were de-sexing dogs at 6-8 weeks of age. PD to advise that Dogs NZ is finalising its Position Statement on de-sexing in conjunction with the NZVA CAV where thoughts, also consistent with those of the Dogs NZ member, appear to be aligned.

### **SMOOTH COLLIES**

Correspondence was received from a Dogs NZ member looking to revive the Smooth Collie breed in New Zealand. Consent was sought to allow the registration of imported inter-bred collies as a first step in this process. PD to advise the member that this practice was already allowed. In addition the matter will be referred to the Breed Standards Committee to seek an opinion on allowing inter-breeding between Rough & Smooth Collies.

## **8. OTHER**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### ***Bitches in season***

Agreed that an article will be placed in the June Dog World with reference to the Yearbook and the EC recommendation that the Conformation community consider treating this matter in the same manner as Agility & Obedience. Following the vote at ACOD the matter will be further discussed at the July EC meeting before further communication in the September Dog World.

#### ***Dogs NZ properties/AEC***

SM noted that the AEC Committee was actively looking at alternative locations to Ardmore given the urban spread in Auckland. NT noted that we should also be taking a generic view in relation to our property ownership and thinking about who is best to drive such an approach- is it professionals in the field? Should we be looking at other entities/partners e.g. RDA's? A session has already been set aside at ACOD to engage with the delegates.

**Charitable Trust**

NT to work with PD on further investigation. The difference in treatment between BW's reported ANKC model and what was being applied within Dogs NZ in 1) treatment of the CH&W levy and now 2) the Charitable Trust was discussed and clarified.

**2018 NDS**

The timing of the speciality shows at the NDS was discussed with it being concluded that EC had got it wrong and needed to put it right. PD noted that EC were making this decision without knowing the actual number of shows held in 2015 and those planned in 2018 but EC agreed to move forward as discussed.

**Kennel name allocation**

CH queried the methodology behind the allocation of kennel names. This is covered in the Registration Regulation and any specific questions can be asked of Colleen Begg.

**Dog on report appeal**

A late appeal had been lodged and it was agreed it would be treated in the same manner as that discussed during the meeting. PD to action in conjunction with NT.

**Leave of Absence**

Applications received from NT & CH for the June 22 meeting due to work commitments.

Moved MMcK; Seconded KMcl – approved

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2017-2018 term)**

Friday, June 22

Wellington

(apologies NT & CH)