

REDACTED - COUNCIL MEETING – 13th March 2024
Held at Dogs ACT Meeting Room

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING – Opened 7:00pm

PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Eric Birkeland, Kirstin Henderson, John Scholz, Cathy Stirling, Heather Swinbourn, Natasha Davies, Nastasha Sands, Katarina Manna, Clive Styles, Cristan McCusker, Mel Crossley
Apologies: Linda Stevens

Conflicts of interest on topics in this agenda? (council members to indicate which point or topic, item to be moved to the end of the meeting so the council member can be excused from the meeting)

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Motion Passed: “That the Minutes of 13th February 24 be accepted”
Moved: John Scholz **Seconded:** Eric Birkeland **Carried**

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

See Outstanding Actions Listing – Attachment A

Motion Passed: “That the Matters Arising be accepted as amended”.
Moved: Kirstin Henderson **Seconded:** Katarina Manna **Carried**

4. NEW MEMBERS:

ONE NEW ORDINARY MEMBER AND ONE ASSOC MEMBER WERE ACCEPTED

Motion Passed: “That the New Members be accepted as listed”
Moved: John Scholz **Seconded:** Katarina Manna **Carried**

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1. NEW TRIAL/SHOW/EVENT DATES REQUIRING APPROVAL/CANCELATION

All new approved trial dated to be added to the Dogs ACT Calendar

5.2. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FROM EVENTS (added to be noted for information):

- 5.2.1. ACT Companion Dog Club – Agility Trial - 17th Feb 2024 – 250 Entries
- 5.2.2. ACT Companion Dog Club – Jumping Trial – 5th March 2024 – 78 Entries
- 5.2.3. The Hound Club of the ACT – Champ Show x 2 – 10th March 2024 – 43 entries each show
- 5.2.4. ACT German Shepherd Association – Scent Work – 7th March 2024 – No report rec yet
- 5.2.5. ACT Companion Dog Club – Rally trial – 9th March 2024 – 105 entries

5.3. COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

- 5.3.1. NIL

5.4. Dogs Australia (ANKC) CORRESPONDENCE IN

- 5.4.1. Lure Coursing Information Sheet - Points Clarification for the Open and Veteran Classes – 4th March 2024

Noted

5.4.2. National Canine Grooming Committee – Dogs Australia – 5th March 2024

At the February 2024 Special Board meeting the National Canine Grooming Committee was approved to be formed comprising of the State Representatives

Tracey is seeking a nomination for ACT representative for this committee.

Some Council members suggested Kylie Gallimore, Admin to email and ask.

5.4.3. Rules for the conduct of Dances with Dogs Competitions & Rules for the conduct of Trick Dog Tests – CORRECTIONS – 6th March 2024

Email just alerting member bodies that the National DWD committee had identified a number of typographical and consequential errors in the Rules for the conduct of Dances with Dogs Competitions & Rules for the conduct of Trick Dog Tests.

These have been rectified and the updated rules as well as the Summary of Dances with Dogs changes have been uploaded to the Dogs Australia Website.

NOTED

5.4.4. FEBRUARY 2024 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - MEETING SUMMARY – 6th March 2024

Summary to be made available from our website and social media page and ask all Member Body offices to arrange for it to be published in their next available magazine, on their websites and social media pages. *(Note Sprint Dog has been approved as of 1st July 2024)*

Noted

5.4.5. Rules & Guidelines for the conduct of Track & Search Dog Trials – CORRECTION – 5th March 2024.

Correction to one rule wording which has been rectified on the web.

Noted

5.4.6. National Obedience & Tracking Committee - Dogs NSW Motions – 7th March 2024

Correction to rules wording re Fouling and Disqualifications. (Effective 1st July 2024)

Noted

Dogs Australia (ANKC) Transaction Figures for the month of February:

Associate Register Applications	1
Export Pedigrees	0
Judges Licence Applications	0
Judges Licence Renewals	1
Leases	0
Prefix Applications	0
Prefix Renewals	5
Prefix Transfers	0
Registrations	5L – 24M
Sporting Register Applications	0
Title Applications	10
Transfer of Ownership	9
Re-registrations	0

Reprint of Certificates	0
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5.5. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE IN *(Please advise if you require an electronic copy)*

5.5.1. Cathy Stirling on behalf of CKCSC – copy of their AGM minutes and other reports – 5th March 2024
Noted

5.5.2. **REDACTED.**

5.5.3. Events EPIC - National Folk Festival 2024 - Induction & Accreditation – 8th March 2024
Noting Induction details and site access during the bump in and bump out period the Festival has hold on the grounds.
Admin to post details for the members of access to the office during this period – March 18th till 5th April – With the event being on the weekend of the 28th March till 1st April

5.5.4. Jo Washington-King – following up on the status of her affiliation request – 12th March 2024
(responded that she will have a response by COB Thursday 14th March 2024)
Email of approval to be worded and sent to Jo, with the note that the Canberra Scent Work Club needs to obtain their own PL insurance to hold events off Dogs ACT grounds.

Motion Passed: “That all Correspondence and agenda items be accepted and action Items be listed in “Attachment A” until complete.

Moved: Katarina Manna **Seconded:** Kirstin Henderson **Carried**

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

This month has mainly been about the royal and getting the grounds ready. The Royal also had a contractor come in and prepare the grounds for the weekend and along with the top dressing of the rings, the grounds were looking good.

The royal has purchased two 6 m x 3 m and two x 3 m x 3 m gazebos, which Dogs ACT can use, but they are to be stored with us and used for future royals. David did also say that Simon was looking into obtaining new frames for the old Dogs ACT gazebos so along with the new gazebos Dogs ACT purchased we now have a good stock of gazebos for Dogs ACT and the affiliates to use at the ground.

We need to get moving on our constitution updates for the next AGM, which is coming soon, we need to have this agenda item in place asap for approval so things can move ahead. I will arrange a meeting of the constitution committee to get it happening.

Motion Passed: “That the President report be accepted”

Moved: Erick Birkeland **Seconded:** Mel Crossley **Carried**

7. TREASURER’S REPORT

Profit & Loss sheet - Will be presented by KH
 Balance Sheet - Will be presented by KH

- Copy of P & L supplied.
- Noted the current status of bank balances.
- Insurance – Berkley is happy to renew our policy. Though waiting on one other quote before we lock in.
- Fundraising needs to start in preparation for the Junior Handler Finalist. (winner to be sent to QLD to compete in Finals)

Motion Passed: “That the Treasurers report be accepted”

Moved: Kirstin Henderson **Seconded:** Katarina Manna **Carried**

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Items Requiring Approval Below – Full reports as separate attachment as needed.

- ❖ **Agility & Jumping:** Dana Simonsen: **in attachment B**
- ❖ **Breed:** Linda Stevens: Nil to report
- ❖ **DWD & Trick Dogs:** Niccola Hardaker: *No Report Rec*
- ❖ **Government Liaison:** Cristan McCusker, Mel Crossley: **in attachment B**
- ❖ **Grounds & Buildings:** Eric Birkeland: **in attachment B**
- ❖ **Health & Welfare:** Mel Crossley: **in attachment B – Request from Dr Hayden Montgomery**

to hold a Dogs Australia Respiratory Functions Grading Clinic at Dogs ACT grounds was Approved

- ❖ **Judges Training:** Linda Buckley: Nil to report
- ❖ **Junior Showmanship:** Kirstin Henderson and Mel Crossley: **in attachment B**
- ❖ **Lure Coursing:** Helen Mosslar: **in attachment B**
- ❖ **Endurance:** Helen Mosslar: NIL report
- ❖ **Sprint Dog:** Helen Mosslar: **in attachment B.**
- ❖ **Marketing & Promotion:** Kirstin Henderson: *Nil report*
- ❖ **Obedience & Rally:** Natasha Davies: **in attachment B**
- ❖ **Retrieving & Field Trial:** Judith Barlow and Lara Sedgmen: No Report Rec
- ❖ **Tracking:** Joanna Hagan: No Report Rec
- ❖ **Scent work:** Julie Cutts: No Report Rec

Motion Passed: “That all sub-committee reports be accepted, noted & any subsequent actions be listed on Attachment A of the Agenda”

Moved: Kirstin Henderson **Seconded:** Katarina Manna **Carried**

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 – Suggestion of an A20 Show in Nov 2025 (Kirstin H) (*carried over from February Meeting as was not discussed in her absence*)

Approved – Show to be run on 7/8/9 Nov 2025 with the Junior Handler Finals run on this same weekend as ACT will be the host. A20 to be run on the Saturday.

9.2 – 2024 AGM date needs to be decided and advertised to allow members more time to allow nominations and agenda items to come in. (*Carried over from Feb as no date was decided*)

Agreed on 3rd Sept 2024 – Ainslie Football Club 7pm

9.5 – What are our formal rules for state rule review submissions from our Sub-Committees? Do we allow early or proxy voting, as there are people who cannot attend these meetings who are interested in having a say (eg there is an agility one this Fri and there are people who would like to vote on what ACT submissions are) (Natasha D)

As there are no formal regulations – Council agreed that it is up to the ACT Rep how they would like to conduct this.

From the floor/Last minute agenda item(s):

To be presented prior to close of meeting.

Black Hawk has expressed their interest to Sponsor ACT Shows. (Mel Crossley)

Council Agreed for this to be pursued.

- **Redacted Minutes – Approved with small spelling correction to Septembers.**
- **Question re Epic and Show dates in October (Cathy Stirling) – Admin is still following up on this.**
- **Cathy Stirling asked about the status of an email send by the Toy Dog Club and their request for a letter stating that possible requisition of the ground by Epic for the October Long Weekend – Admin has not seen this email and requested that it be resent to follow up on.**

Motion Passed: “That the Matters Arising from General Business be accepted”

Moved: Katarina Manna **Seconded:** Kirstin Henderson **Carried**

Meeting Closed: 9:17pm

Next Meeting: 10th April 2024