

Redacted - COUNCIL MEETING – 8th May 2024
Held at Dogs ACT Meeting Room

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING – Opened – Time: 7:01pm

PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

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

Apologies: Linda Stevens, Natasha Davies,

Minutes recorded by: Vanessa March

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 10th APRIL 24 be accepted”
Moved: Cathy Stirling **Seconded:** Katarina Manna **Carried**

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

See Outstanding Actions Listing – Attachment A

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

4. NEW MEMBERS:

2 new ordinary, 1 joint and 1 junior member were approved

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

5. AGENDA ITEMS

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

Approved trial dates to be added to the Dogsact calendar

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

5.2.1. ACT & District Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club – Conf Show – 6&7th April 2024 – 79 & 66 entries – noted delayed start time due to the rain.

5.2.2. Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Agility Trial – 10th April 2024 – 88 entries

5.2.3. Canberra Toy Dog Club – Conf Show – 13th April 2024 – AM 70 & PM 70 entries

- 5.2.4. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Canberra – Conf Show – 14th April 2024 – AM 68 & PM 68 entries
- 5.2.5. Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Scent Work Trial – 17th April 2024 -38 entries
- 5.2.6. ACT Companion Dog Club – Scent Work Trial – 18th April 2024 – 40 entries – note of minor dog/dog incident, no action taken.
- 5.2.7. Breeds of East Asia – Conf Shows – 26th April 2024 – AM 53 & PM 55 entries
- 5.2.8. Canberra Scent Sport Club – Scent Work Trial – 29th April 2024 – 20 entries
- 5.2.9. Hound Club of the ACT – Lure Coursing Trial – 5th May 2024 – 80 entrants – equipment malfunctions caused late start and trial only allowing 1 run.

All NOTED

5.3. COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

5.3.1. REDACTED

5.4. Dogs Australia (ANKC) CORRESPONDENCE IN

5.4.1. Order of Judging – Request for Feedback – 20th March 24 – Email from Dogs Australia asking member bodies for feedback on order of judging at conformation shows as Dogs QLD had received a number of requests to change the order format of shows, particularly around the fact that Neuters are judged after the completion of all other Classes.

Dogs ACT to respond that there has been no known incidences of this kind of request.

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

Associate Register Applications	0
Export Pedigrees	0
Judges Licence Applications	0
Judges Licence Renewals	0
Leases	0
Prefix Applications	0
Prefix Renewals	5
Prefix Transfers	0
Registrations	6M
Sporting Register Applications	0
Title Applications	25
Transfer of Ownership	9
Re-registrations	3
Reprint of Certificates	0

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

5.5.1. REDACTED

5.5.2. Jo Washington-King – 24th April and a follow up 6th May 2024 – Email request to be approved to complete her Tracking Judges training with Qld.

Exerts from Email:

I am hoping to seek approval to finish my tracking judges licence in QLD. I have half completed it in WA and as ACT don't ever run a judges course I need to work out how to get approval to do this in another state?

Following on from the below email I would like to seek approval to complete my tracking and track insertion practical components of my licence with dogs Queensland due to dogs ACT not offering this program. I have sent my completed theory exam to dogs Queensland to confirm that they would be happy to take me on, and they have confirmed that pending your approval they would be happy to support me in my practical components.

MORE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED – to be presented at June meeting.

5.5.3. Email/Letter from Lenora Dyer on behalf of the Belconnen All Breeds Club – 5th May 2024 Seeking an update follow up to their letter that was issued in December.

Attachment F and copy of original letter Attachment G

Reply to be sent to BABKC, Council to reimburse agreed amount and then pressure EPIC for the compensation of this. KH to do.

5.5.4. REDACTED

See Agenda Item 5.3.1 – email to be drafted and sent out to all three parties.

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

Moved: Heather Swinbourn

Seconded: Katarina Manna

Carried

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Sadly, Dogs ACT lost another member just recently. Jenny Kenworthy will be greatly missed in the dog world. She was a tireless worker and a loved friend to many in the Dogs ACT world. Jenny will be sadly missed by all. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

The constitution is still ongoing, and I am still trying to arrange a meeting with Epic, David Dawes and myself to discuss the issues we have to obtain a better relationship with Epic.

EB put forward a motion to have Kenny Kenworthy nominated for 2024 Life Membership posthumously – All Agreed

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

- **Financial sheets were presented, as currently have a total of \$106,056.79 across all accounts.**
- **Can council please put the word out and share the JH raffle post some more.**
- **Noted that we have no Major income until the next Dogs ACT shows later in the year. The general income that is coming through is not covering much.**

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: **See Attachment B – requesting an update to the Team Support request that was submitted to the April meeting. Motion was moved to support the agility team up to \$400 by KH, Seconded by NS – all agreed**

❖ **Breed:** Linda Stevens: *Nil to report*

❖ **DWD & Trick Dogs:** Niccola Hardaker: *No Report Rec*

❖ **Government Liaison:** Cristan McCusker, Mel Crossley: **See Attachment B**

❖ **Grounds & Buildings:** Eric Birkeland: **See Attachment B – working bee for office building needing to be arranged. As per Attachment A – Council to check their diaries and indicate dates they can help, then to be put out to affiliates to help.**

❖ **Health & Welfare:** Mel Crossley: **See Attachment B – Request for date approval for Heart Clinic. Date requests of 10th & 11th Oct approved.**

❖ **Judges Training:** Linda Buckley: *Nil to report*

❖ **Junior Showmanship:** Kirstin Henderson and Mel Crossley: **See Attachment B**

❖ **Lure Coursing:** Helen Mosslar: **See Attachment B**

❖ **Endurance:** Helen Mosslar: **See Attachment B Noted that the ET will still be run in 2024 as this would have been the wish of Jenny.**

❖ **Sprint Dog:** Helen Mosslar: **See Attachment B**

❖ **Marketing & Promotion:** Kirstin Henderson: *Nil to report*

❖ **Obedience & Rally:** Natasha Davies: - **See Attachment B**

❖ **Retrieving & Field Trial:** Judith Barlow and Lara Sedgmen: *No Report Rec*

❖ **Tracking:** Joanna Hagan:

❖ **Scent work:** Julie Cutts: **See Attachment B – request to approve a revised Dogs ACT Scent Work Rules and regulations to take in to account the new Scent Work Rules. Changes approved**

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

Moved: Eric Birkeland

Seconded: John Scholz

Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 – NIL

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

To be presented prior to close of meeting.

- Redacted minutes from Dec and March presents to the Council for approval.
All Approved and to be uploaded to the web.
- Bungendore Bonanza, Di Gooding advised on the 8th May that the Far South Coast and Wamboin Dog clubs will no longer be requiring to hire our grounds on in November.
Noted.
- Web Portal Access. Admin advised the Council that Dogs ACT is on track to receive access to the online Dogs Australia portal that all other states have access to. Its currently in the process of a revamp but one complete we can roll out to our members.
Noted.
- Cathy S on behalf of the Cavalier and Toy Dog Club raised the issue of the camping fee on their recent invoices. These were due to the booked campers not for filling the minimum hire fee for the Camping.
Council discussed and agreed to remove this fee. It was also noted that there are times where exhibitors have been known not to pay for camping, as there is no formal check in procedure. Affiliates need to be reminded that patrons are to provide proof of camping booking via a show manager receipt on request and if they have not booked they can log directly to show manager at that instance and pay for it, NO cash or payment is to be taken in person.
- Insurance – Cathy S requested for wording re the coverage of Dogs ACT PL insurance and how it covers affiliates.
Admin to request a letter from insurance broker, in an official capacity, to clearly outline what was discussed when this was asked of them recently.

Motion Passed: “That the Matters Arising from General Business be accepted”
Moved: Cathy Stirling **Seconded:** Kirstin Henderson **Carried**

Meeting Closed: 8:58pm

Next Meeting: 12th June 2024