

PUBLIC MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING – 12th MARCH 2025
Held at Dogs ACT Meeting Room

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING – Opened – Time: 7:09pm

PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Eric Birkeland, John Scholz, Judith Barlow, Kirstin Henderson, Katarina Manna, Elektra Oshyer, Natasha Sands, Denise Greenwood, Heather Swinbourn (left soon after meeting started)

Apologies:

Absent: Clive Styles, Cristan McCusker

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 12th February 25 be accepted”

Moved: Kirstin Henderson **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: Kirstin Henderson **Seconded:** Elektra Oshyer **Carried**

4. NEW MEMBERS:

2 new ordinary members and 1 new concession member were approved

Motion Passed: “That the New Members be accepted as listed”

Moved: John Scholz **Seconded:** Elektra Oshyer **Carried**

5. AGENDA ITEMS

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

All new trials and event dates have been added to the calendar after approval;

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

5.2.1. Canberra Scent Sport Club – Scent Work Trial – 13th February 2025 – 39 entries

5.2.2. ACT Companion Dog Club – Agility Trial – 15th February 2025 – 150 entries

5.2.3. Breeds of East Asia – Championship Show – 21st February 2025 – 80 Entries – *Judge Mrs Crozier became unwell in the ring, Mr Crozier stepped in to continue judging from Pugs to Tibetan Mastiff. Mrs Crozier resumed from Tibetan Terriers to Shar Pei and General Specials.*

NOTED

5.2.4. Cocker Spaniel Club of the ACT – Specialty Show 1 – 21st February 2025 – 25 Entries

- 5.2.5. Cocker Spaniel Club of the ACT – Specialty Show 2 – 21st February 2025 – 29 Entries
- 5.2.6. ACT Companion Dog Club – Scent Work Trial – 1st March 2025 – 42 Entries
- 5.2.7. ACT Companion Dog Club – Jumping Trial – 4th March 2025 – 100 entries
- 5.2.8. ACT German Shepherd Club – Scent Work – 6th March 2025 – 29 entries
- 5.2.9. Dogs ACT – Sprint Dog Trial – 10th March 2025 – 106 entries – *Note was called off after first runs due to temperatures all successful dogs from Run 1 received a Qualifying score.*

NOTED

5.3. COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

5.3.1. Redacted

5.3.2. Redacted

Incident 2 – READCTED

5.4. Dogs Australia (ANKC) CORRESPONDENCE IN

- 5.4.1. Dogs Australia – Notice of Suspension – 3/3/2025
Notice from Dogs Vic of judge suspension.

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

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| Associate Register Applications | 7 |
| Export Pedigrees | 0 |
| Judges Licence Applications | 6 |
| Judges Licence Renewals | 2 |
| Leases | 0 |
| Prefix Applications | 1 |
| Prefix Renewals | 4 |
| Prefix Transfers | 0 |
| Registrations | 7M / 13L |
| Sporting Register Applications | 0 |
| Title Applications | 14 |
| Transfer of Ownership | 14 |
| Re-registrations | 1 |
| Reprint of Certificates | 0 |

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

2.1.1. Judith Barlow – Motion to approve Regulation to be added to Dogs ACT Regs

Dogs ACT does not have a regulation around the management of ownerships of dogs or prefix of a deceased Member.

*Motion to approve a Regulation to be added to our existing Regulations – **ATTACHMENT C***

ROLLED OVER FROM LAST MEETING

Motion of new policy to be adopted for member clarity in the event that it is needed.

Unanimously agree.

Policy to be uploaded to the website.

2.1.2. David Dawes (on behalf of the RNCAS Dog Show Committee) – email 26th February 2025

Hi Eric

I wanted to pass on my thanks and appreciation for the condition of the grounds and the use of the meeting room for the Royal Canberra Show.

We have had lots of very positive feedback regarding the Royal in general and in particular the condition of the grounds.

Could you please pass on our thanks to your committee.

Kind Regards

David

NOTED

2.1.3. Aaron Coventry – Requesting Dogs ACT approval to run Pack Dog Event in Kowen Forrest – 19th Feb 2025

*Siberian Husky Club of NSW is proposing to hold a Working Pack Dog Event on the 13th and 14th September 2025 in Kowen Forest ACT and are **seeking approval to hold this event within the ACT border.***

APPROVED

2.1.4. Amy Smith – Canberra Canine Training – 28th February 2025

To answer your questions, and noting that the last thing I would want is to create conflict with trails etc, I'd be looking to access the site on an ad hoc basis at the moment as that sounds like it might work best for Dogs ACT. My classes tend to run in 6 week blocks that largely align with the school term dates and I have a maximum of 6 dogs in a class.

I teach different levels of classes that range from food only searches through to all four odours and some of my clients are already trialing with others looking to trial in the future. We have been to ANKC trials in Tuggeranong as a group and some are headed to CDC tomorrow night as well.

I may seek a regular booking as we move into Winter but I could limit that to my classes that use food only to avoid problems for trials.

Council are ok with this but would like Julie Cutts to be informed for her feedback before an agreement is set up.

2.1.5. Judith Barlow – Motion Re Camping on Show Weekends – 10th March 2025

Motion: *single breed and group clubs not to offer camping for their shows.*

Reason: *Dogs ACT loses money when there are few camping in Bicentennial Gardens. We pay EPIC per weekend for camping at shows. Campers pay \$40 per caravan/tent for each night. Have a look at the spreadsheet. EPIC charge us for cleaning the T5 block, we pass that cost to the club. To reduce the cost of cleaning, the showers can be locked off: less cleaning time = less cost. And locking off the showers prevents any free-loading. The showers can be unlocked before a show - if camping costs are worthwhile.*

Motion rescinded and KH put forward an alternate motion in its place.

“Letter to be sent to all affiliates who use the grounds (conformation clubs) stating that camping will be available for all events (providing EPIC has approved camping) and if their number of campers per night comes under the Dogs ACT hire fee to EPIC the affiliate will be responsible for the balance.”

All Agreed. Information to be given at the President and Secretaries meeting (date being arranged) then letter to be sent to affiliates.

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

Moved: Kirstin Henerson

Seconded: Katarina Manna

Carried

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT

This February has seen the Canberra Royal happen and all went well as far as I know with the weather being fine it has led to a successful show.

The show training has been approved which will see help for new and old exhibitors in training and socializing their dogs for the show ring.

The Markets parking is still creating issues on a live feed on Facebook I noticed cars on the grounds which after talking To Judith Woolley it was Market people parking on the grounds and Judith Woolley informed me she was abused and threatened. I will be calling Ross at Epic regarding this situation as it is not acceptable, and it needs to change.

The chain for the rings is broken and we are endeavouring to get it repaired at the moment, but it is still no excuse for that kind of behaviour.

Cheers Eric

Motion Passed: “That the President report be accepted”

Moved: Eric Birkeland

Seconded: John Scholz

Carried

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

Profit & Loss sheet - presented by KH

Balance Sheet - presented by KH

- Treasurer noted that Elektra Oshyer has not supplied all the receipts for a Profit and Loss report to be generate for the Dogs ACT January Shows.

- **Sporting Shooters Associations has indicated their interesting in sponsoring the Dogs ACT Junior Handlers Finals and will be donating \$500 – this will give them space for advertisement in the catalogue.**

Motion Passed: “That the Treasurers report be accepted”

Moved: Kirstin Henderson

Seconded: Elektra Oshyer

Carried

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- ❖ **Agility & Jumping:** Dana Simonsen: **Attachment B**
- ❖ **Breed:** - **VACANT: NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **DWD & Trick Dogs:** Niccola Hardaker: **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Dogs ACT Amenities Committee:** Kirstin Henderson: **Attachment B**
- ❖ **Endurance:** Helen Mossler: **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Government Liaison:** Katarina Manna: **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Grounds & Buildings:** Eric Birkeland: **Attachment B**
- ❖ **Grooming:** Elektra Oshyer: **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Health & Welfare:** Hayden Montgomery: **Attachment B**
- ❖ **Judges Training:** Linda Buckley: **Attachment B**
- ❖ **Junior Showmanship:** Kirstin Henderson and Elektra Oshyer: **Attachment B**
- ❖ **Lure Coursing:** Helen Mossler: **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Marketing & Promotion:** Fran Coventry: **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Obedience & Rally:** Judith Barlow: **Attachment B** – **requested to move a vote of thanks to be sent out - APPROVED**
- ❖ **Retrieving & Field Trial:** Judith Barlow and Lara Sedgmen: **Nothing to Report.**
- ❖ **Tracking:** Joanna Hagan: **NO REPORT REC**
- ❖ **Scent work:** Julie Cutts: **Attachment B**
- ❖ **Sprint Dog:** Helen Mossler: **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: Katarina Manna

Seconded: Kirstin Henderson

Carried

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 – Celebration Wall – Judith to Present. Attachment G

Judith Barlow presented a draft of the form to be used.

“Celebration Wall” an invitation for members to celebrate their dogs, this wall is for highly titled dogs who are retired from all sports and conformation activities. The photos with a small caption detailing who the dog is and their achievements will be featured on the foyer wall.

APPROVED

Form to be posted on Facebook and the web site inviting members to participate.

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

To be presented prior to close of meeting.

- Elektra Oshyer – August Shows, will be running 2 all breeds show each day, no judges have yet been contracted.
Denice to supply names to Elektra of judges to approach.
- Judith Barlow – Access Step to the ablutions block – this was damaged around Summernats time, a new step has been sourced and working quiet well (a spare is in the storage side of the old catering shed)
May still need to invest in a ramp for accessibility but note the door and space inside is not wide enough for wheelchairs.

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| Motion Passed: | “That the Matters Arising from General Business be accepted” | | |
| Moved: | John Scholz | Seconded: | Katarina Manna |
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Meeting Closed:8:35pm

Next Meeting: 9th April 2025