

PUBLIC MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING – 14th MAY 2025
Held at Dogs ACT Meeting Room

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING – Opened – Time: 7:02pm

PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Eric Birkeland, John Scholz, Judith Barlow, Heather Swinbourne, Clive Styles, Cristan McCusker, Fran Coventry

Apologies: Natasha Sands, Kirstin Henderson, Elektra Oshyer, Katarina Manna

Absent: Denise Greenwood

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 9th APRIL 25 be accepted”

Moved: John Scholz **Seconded:** Clive Styles **Carried**

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

See Outstanding Actions Listing – Attachment A

Motion Passed: “That the Matters Arising be accepted as amended”.

Moved: John Scholz **Seconded:** Fran Coventry **Carried**

4. NEW MEMBERS:

5 new ordinary members added, 2 joint members and 1 junior member and 1 concession member

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

Moved: Cristan McCusker **Seconded:** Clive Styles **Carried**

5. AGENDA ITEMS

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

All new Dates to be added to the calendar.

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

5.2.1. Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Agility Trial – 2nd April 2025 – 83 entries

5.2.2. Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Agility & Jumping Trial – 12th April 2025 - 320 entries

5.2.3. Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Scent Work Trial – 16th April 2025 - 45 entries

5.2.4. Canberra Toy Dog Club – Toy Group Shows – 5th April 2025 – AM83 + 88PM entries

5.2.5. ACT Bull Terrier Club – Group Shows – 5th April 2025 – AM62 & PM62 entries

5.2.6. ACT Bull Terrier Club – Group Shows – 6th April 2025 – AM52 + PM50 entries

5.2.7. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Canb – Toy Dog Shows – 6th April 2025 – AM83 + PM83 entries

5.2.8. ACT & District Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club – Breed Show – 12th April 2025 – 113 entries

- 5.2.9.** ACT & District Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club – Breed Show – 13th April 2025 – 110 entries
- 5.2.10.** Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Sprint Dog Trial – 17th April 2025 – 59 entries
- 5.2.11.** Dogs ACT – Sprint Dog Trial – 18th April 2025 – 107 entries
- 5.2.12.** Canberra Scent Sport Club – Scent Work Trial – 25th April 2025 - 380 entries
- 5.2.13.** Canberra Scent Sport Club – Scent Work Trial – 26th April 2025 - 354 entries
- 5.2.14.** Canberra Scent Sport Club – Scent Work Trial – 27th April 2025 - 195 entries

5.3. COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

5.3.1. NIL

5.4. Dogs Australia (ANKC) CORRESPONDENCE IN

5.4.1. NIL for council attention

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

Associate Register Applications	0
Export Pedigrees	0
Judges Licence Applications	0
Judges Licence Renewals	1
Leases	0
Prefix Applications	0
Prefix Renewals	10
Prefix Transfers	0
Registrations	1M 5L
Sporting Register Applications	0
Title Applications	41
Transfer of Ownership	12
Re-registrations	0
Reprint of Certificates	1

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

2.1.1. **NIL**

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

Moved: Judith Barlow **Seconded:** Fran Coventry **Carried**

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi all I think we may have dodged a bullet with epic regarding spilt milk happening at the end of the year. After Vanessa contacted me regarding the clash of dates with spilt milk and ACT ladies and Canberra all breeds I rang Ross at epic and had a discussion with him about the situation and how we could get around the issues. I reminded him that we have run shows at the same time as the festivals before. Kirsten had spoken to me and she arranged a meeting with Ross which I was unable to attend, but it was a great outcome with provisions put in place so we can run the shows.

From what I hear show training is coming along well and with great attendance thanks to Alana and Clive for running them.

The rest of the month has been quite busy with my new job and not much time for Dogs ACT, but I did manage to get the lawns mowed.

Cheers Eric

Motion Passed: "That the President report be accepted"

Moved: Eric Birkeland **Seconded:** John Scholz **Carried**

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer was not present to report.

Motion Passed: "That the Treasurers report be accepted"

Moved: NA **Seconded:** NA **Carried**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Items Requiring Approval Below – Full reports in attachment B.

- ❖ **Agility & Jumping:** VACANT: Judith Barlow(temp) - **See attachment B**
 - ❖ **Breed:** - VACANT: **Council to approve Mr Doug Anderson for this role** **APPROVED**
 - ❖ **Breed Club Liaison and Promotion:** Fran Coventry **See attachment B**
 - ❖ **DWD & Trick Dogs:** Niccola Hardaker: **No Report Rec**
 - ❖ **Dogs ACT Amenities Committee:** Kirstin Henderson: **See attachment B**
 - ❖ **Dogs ACT Incident Sub Committee:** Judith Barlow: **See attachment B**
 - ❖ **Endurance:** Helen Mossler: **No Report Rec**
 - ❖ **Government Liaison:** Katarina Manna: **No Report Rec**
 - ❖ **Government and Community Grants Group:** Fran Coventry **No Report Rec**
 - ❖ **Grounds & Buildings:** Eric Birkeland: **No Report Rec**
 - ❖ **Grooming:** Elektra Oshyer: **See attachment B** – **Seeking approval for Grooming Comp detail**
- NOT APPROVED require more detail in budget breakdown**
- ❖ **Health & Welfare:** Hayden Montgomery: **See attachment B** – **for noting**

- ❖ **Judges Training:** Linda Buckley: **NIL to report**
- ❖ **Junior Showmanship:** Kirstin Henderson and Elektra Oshyer: **See attachment B**
- ❖ **Lure Coursing:** Helen Mossler: **No Report Rec**
- ❖ **Marketing & Promotion:** Fran Coventry: **See attachment B**
- ❖ **Obedience & Rally:** Judith Barlow: **See attachment B** - **Seeking approval for Dogs ACT**

Obedience and Rally State Titles – **APPROVED for May 2026 on provision that a Budget to be sent to treasurer.**

- ❖ **Retrieving & Field Trial:** Judith Barlow and Lara Sedgmen: **NIL to report**
- ❖ **Tracking:** Joanna Hagan: **No Report Rec**
- ❖ **Scent work:** Julie Cutts: **No Report Rec**
- ❖ **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: Judith Barlow **Seconded:** Heather Swinbourn **Carried**

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 - Request of Dates for Agility Trial in October – Denise Iglesias

As per email:

I’m writing on behalf of the Agility Sub Committee at CDC. With news that Dogs ACT were not going to be able to run a State Titles for Agility this year, Kylie White and I agreed to use the same October long weekend date to run an Agility comp at CDC and host the agility and jumping dog of the year runoff during that trial.

I’m hereby asking that the date previously approved for Dogs ACT to run a trial be relinquished so that the ACT Companion Dog Club can take up the October 4th and 5th dates to host a trial.

Kind regards

Denise Iglesias - Trial Secretary CDC

Council APPROVED of this – noting that Dogs ACT has relinquished the dates

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

To be presented prior to close of meeting.

- Clive Styles - report from on Conformation Show and socialisation training,

Response from the attendance has been positive.

Note: this topic will become a subcommittee report to allow Clive to provide regular reports and updates on this activity.

- Clive Styles – Requesting that the 16 & 17 August Dogs ACT Shows dates be reinstated.

Clive has discussed this proposal with Di Cross of the ACT Bull Terrier Club and she agrees with allowing Dogs ACT to run these Group Shows alongside their shows. Requesting approval from the Council

Clive put a motion to the council to reinstate and conduct Dogs ACT Group Shows (6 groups only) on the 16 & 17 August 2025 – Council Approved

-Redacted

- Judith Barlow (per Kirstin Henderson in her absence) requested approval from Council to send flowers to Trish Dyer wishing her well

Approved – Kirstin to arrange

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

Moved: Heather Swinbourn

Seconded: Fran Coventry

Carried

Meeting Closed: 9:02 pm

Next Meeting: 11th JUNE 2025