

**PUBLIC MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Held at Dogs ACT Meeting Room**

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING – Opened – Time: 7:05pm**

**PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Eric Birkeland, John Scholz, Judith Barlow, Denice Greenwood, Elektra Oshyer, Katarina Manna, Cristan McCusker (arrived at 7:46pm)

**Apologies:** Kirstin Henderson, Natasha Sands, Fran Coventry, Heather Swinbourn, Clive Styles

**Absent:**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 24 be accepted”

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**See Outstanding Actions Listing – Attachment A**

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

**Moved:** Judith Barlow                      **Seconded:** Elektra Oshyer                      **Carried**

**4. NEW MEMBERS:**

**1 new concession and 3 new ordinary memberships**

**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/CANCELTION**

**All new approved dated added to the Dogs ACT CALENDER**

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

**5.2.1.** ACT Companion Dog Club – Scent Work Trial – 3 October 2024 – 36 Entries

**5.2.2.** ACT Companion Dog Club – Trick Dog Trial – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 135 entries

**5.2.3.** Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Dances With Dogs – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 23AM / 24PM entries

**5.2.4.** Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Agility Trial – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 63 entries

**5.2.5.** Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Scent Work Trial – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 115 entries

**5.2.6.** Dogs ACT – Sprint Dog Trial – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 72 entries

**5.2.7.** Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Rally Trial – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 – 66 & 61 entries

### **5.3. COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:**

**5.3.1.** NIL

### **5.4. Dogs Australia (ANKC) CORRESPONDENCE IN**

**5.4.1.** Dogs Australia email on behalf of Dogs WEST – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
*Notice of 1 suspended member.*

**5.4.2.** Dogs Australia Circular – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
*Noting Ban on Showing: St. Bernhardshund - Bernhardiner male – the Latvijas Kinologiska Federacija informs ban as ruled by Latvian Court*

#### ***Dogs Australia (ANKC) Transaction Figures for the month of OCTOBER:***

Associate Register Applications	<b>4</b>
Export Pedigrees	<b>0</b>
Judges Licence Applications	<b>0</b>
Judges Licence Renewals	<b>5</b>
Leases	<b>0</b>
Prefix Applications	<b>2</b>
Prefix Renewals	<b>5</b>
Prefix Transfers	<b>0</b>
Registrations	<b>5L – 6M</b>
Sporting Register Applications	<b>0</b>
Title Applications	<b>67</b>
Transfer of Ownership	<b>13</b>
Re-registrations	<b>0</b>
Reprint of Certificates	<b>0</b>

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

**2.1.1.** Cathy Stirling on Behalf of the Canberra Toy Dog Club – email 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

*The Canberra Toy Dog Club request a review of the current Administration Levy fees.*

*As small clubs' memberships and entries have dropped considerably, we request the fees to be reduced in line with Trial levy's.*

*As trial events have become popular and conformation entries are dropping, a review is necessary. We are finding it difficult to sustain our club(s).*

**Council decided to hold this discussion over until all council members were in attendance.**

**2.1.2. Denise Greenwood – email agenda items – 1st November 2024**

*Would like to look at possibly running a first aid course for Dogs.*

*Background: I was in Sydney when they were running run and I found it to be very interesting. Yes we need a vet to give opinions and advice but we can charge and I believe considering it is an asset to our financial members, especially some of the sporting members we should be making this available to all and Joe public. I'd like this to be discussed at the meeting. ``*

**Council thought this was something that Dogs ACT can explore doing. Elektra offered to follow up by initially looking at how NSW ran their seminar and put together suggestions for council.**

**2.1.3. Denise Greenwood – email agenda items – 1st November 2024**

*The other matter I would like to discuss is about time people looked at it properly is the fact that you are not allowed to even be in the catalogue to show your dog at a Dogs ACT show if you are helping I think this is absolutely ridiculous we all know judges we all know who's gonna put who up and I think we should be able to help where we can and still be able to show our dogs if your that small minded that it's going to give you a best in show I think you need to stop and look people like to show their dogs and people like to help you're shutting the door on too many others that would do more for the club i.e. cost \$180 to feed the judges and stewards each day at the last show. I'm sure that that can be done for a hell of a lot less by getting somebody else to help not leaving it to the Food Vendor most judges have their breakfast before they leave their accommodation and they have their evening meal when they return after the show so we really only talking about morning tea and lunch and it doesn't have to be a hot lunch specially in the summer we can do salad bowls or sandwiches and it's a lot cheaper and I'm more than happy to put my name up to do that but by doing that I don't want to have to give up showing at my local shows.*

**Topic was discussed at length, suggestion was made for Denice to put in a motion RE members can show and also assist with running of Dogs ACT shows – declined to put forward a motion and withdrew her offer to help with officials catering.**

**2.1.4. Kylie White – email re Dogs ACT State Agility Trial Manager – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

*I am advising that I won't be able to run ACT state titles for the future for dogs ACT with my current commitments with trial manager for companion dog club I don't have the ability to run this event also*

*I am already starting to get enquiries from interstate people about dates so they can book travel etc I had started discussions with Belconnen dog club to use the grounds for 2025 but nothing was locked in*

*Guessing a social media post looking for someone*

**Judith Barlow has offered to talk to Kylie and take the request to the Dogs ACT Agility Subcommittee for suggestion or someone to take on role.**

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

**Moved:** Elektra Oshyer

**Seconded:** Katarina Manna

**Carried**

### **3. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Hi all.

I attended the Dogs Australia AGM and Board meeting in October and Vanessa attended the Administrators meeting, the minutes of the meeting should be available shortly. We have also had an exec meeting to try to

move forward with the incidents and complaints from last months council meeting and we are now waiting on responses. Hopefully they can be resolved without too many dramas. Thats about it for this month.  
Eric

Motion Passed: "That the President report be accepted"

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

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss sheet - Will be presented by KH

Balance Sheet - Will be presented by KH

- **Treasurer was not in attendance but provided report in form of a P & L sheet as well as noted balance of accounts**

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Motion Passed: "That the Treasurers report be accepted"

**Moved:** Eric Birkeland (in Kirstin's absence)      **Seconded:** Electra Oshyer      **Carried**

#### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

❖ **Agility & Jumping:** Dana Simonsen: **Endorsements required – Attachment B Council Approved the request to make required changes to the Agility Judges Training Scheme requirements, so they align with Dogs Australia requirements.**

❖ **Breed:** - **VACANT:**

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

❖ **Government Liaison:** Katarina Manna: *No report rec*

❖ **Grounds & Buildings:** Eric Birkeland: **Attachment B – for noting NOTED**

❖ **Health & Welfare:** Hayden Montgomery: *Nil Report*

❖ **Judges Training:** Linda Buckley: **NIL to report.**

❖ **Junior Showmanship:** Kirstin Henderson and Elektra Oshyer: *No Report Rec*

❖ **Lure Coursing:** Helen Mossler: **NIL to report**

❖ **Endurance:** Helen Mossler: **NIL to report**

❖ **Sprint Dog:** Helen Mossler: **Approvals needed – In Attachment B Council approved the request of implementing Sprint Dogs forms (Officials List, Lure Operator Agreement and Hire Agreement) to be uploaded to the Dogs ACT website.**

❖ **Marketing & Promotion:** Fran Coventry: *No report this month*

❖ **Obedience & Rally:** Judith Barlow: **Endorsements required – Attachment B Council Approved the endorsement of new obedience judge Nikki Fallon and appointment of Judith Barlow as dogs ACT Obedience and Rally Sub Committee Convenor**

❖ **Retrieving & Field Trial:** Judith Barlow and Lara Sedgmen: *No report rec*

❖ **Tracking:** Joanna Hagan: *No report rec*

❖ **Scent work:** Julie Cutts: **Endorsements required – Attachment B Council Approved** Julies request to run a Scent Work Judges training for 2025.

**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:** Elektra Oshyer **Carried**

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 9.1 –

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

To be presented prior to close of meeting.

- Charlie Giles (via Judith Barlow)
    - Request to correct Regulation 17 – there is a duplicated regulation 17.3, from “17.3 Declaration of an aggressive dog” onwards to be renumbered correctly  
**Approved to be corrected**
  - Charlie Giles (via Judith Barlow)
    - Request to update Regulation 17.3 Inquiry committee – point B
      - Request to update from
        - b) The Inquiry Committee must consist of at least three people who are financial members of Dogs A.C.T but not Executive Members of the Club hosting the Show or the Show Secretary for the day; or any Exhibitor in the same Group as the exhibit or a Council Member.*
    - to state
      - b) The Inquiry Committee must consist of at least three people who are financial members of a Dogs Australia Canine Controlling Body but not Executive Members of the Club hosting the Show or the Show Secretary for the day; or any Exhibitor in the same Group as the exhibit or a Council Member.*
  - Approved by council**
- Dogs ACT Instagram – Elektra Oshyer
  - Has been looking in to it but does not know who “owns or created them” has approached Judith Woolley who claims it is not her. To be investigated further and liaise with Admin.  
**Noted by council**
- Grooming Committee – Elektra Oshyer
  - Grooming was looking at running at event at the Canberra Royal but was not supported, so will be running a separate event in 2025 but are yet to find a suitable venue.  
**Noted by council and Grooming Committee to be added to the Sub Committee listing for future meeting details with Elektra the liaison.**
- Admin – request for a scanner email subscription
  - For the printer in the office to be able to scan to emails (a feature that needed fixing for a while) we need to get the printer its own email to send the other emails. This will come at a cost of \$7.83 per month and F1 Solutions will set up and manage for us.  
**Council approved.**

- **December Council meeting**

- To make things a little more relaxed suggestion to have a dinner out instead of a meeting, any pressing or urgent matters to be sent as an OOS request.  
Dinner to be held at Ainslie Football Club on the 11<sup>th</sup> December – council and partners? To check with council and book for numbers. Linda and Vanessa to be invited as well.

**Council approved**

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

**Moved:** Erick Birkeland

**Seconded:** Elektra Oshyer

**Carried**

**Meeting Closed: 8:33pm**

**Next Meeting: No Meeting in December**