

PUBLIC MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING – 9th October 2024
Held at Dogs ACT Meeting Room

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

PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Eric Birkeland, Kirstin Henderson, Katarina Manna, John Scholz, Clive Styles, Denise Greenwood, Judith Barlow, Heather Swinbourn, Elektra Oshyer, Fran Coventry

Apologies:, Cristan McCusker, Natasha Sands

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)

Katarina Manna and Kirstin Henderson noted they will be conflict of interest for a complaint that will be raised at the end of the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Motion Passed: “That the Minutes of 4th SEPTEMBER 24 be accepted”

Moved: Judith Barlow **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:

1 new ordinary member and 2 joint members were accepted by the council

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

Moved: Katarina Manna **Seconded:** Elektra Oshyer **Carried**

5. AGENDA ITEMS

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

All new approved dates to be 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 – Obedience Trial – 7th Sept 2024 – 41 entries

5.2.2. ACT Gundog Society – RATG Trial – 14th Sept 2024 – 8 entries

5.2.3. Hound Club of the ACT – 4 x Speciality Shows – 14 & 15 September 2024 – 88/86/84/74 entries

5.2.4. Dogs ACT – Championship Show – 21st September 2024 – 377 entries

5.2.5. Dogs ACT – Group Shows – 21st September 2024 – 391 entries

5.2.6. Dogs ACT – Championship Shows – 22nd September 2024 - 369 entries

5.2.7. Dogs ACT – Group Shows – 22nd September 2024 – 388 entries

- 5.2.8. ACT Companion Dog Club – Agility Trial – 21st September 2024 – 410 entries
- 5.2.9. Dogs ACT – Sprint Dog Trial – 28th September 2024 – 73 Entries
- 5.2.10. Dogs ACT – Agility Trial – 4th, 5th & 6th October – 1100 entries – REDACTED

5.3. COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

- 5.3.1. Bullying Redacted
- 5.3.2. Aggressive Dog Incident Redacted
- 5.3.3. Complaint Redacted

5.4. Dogs Australia (ANKC) CORRESPONDENCE IN

- 5.4.1. Dogs Australia email on behalf of Dogs WEST – 19th September 2024
Notice of 1 suspended member.

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

Associate Register Applications	0
Export Pedigrees	1
Judges Licence Applications	0
Judges Licence Renewals	3
Leases	1
Prefix Applications	1
Prefix Renewals	7
Prefix Transfers	0
Registrations	7LR – 25MR
Sporting Register Applications	0
Title Applications	42
Transfer of Ownership	3
Re-registrations	0
Reprint of Certificates	2

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

5.5.1. Email from Judith Wooley RE the National Capital Kennel Club – 8th Oct 2024

Judith is in discussion with the Tasic's about saving the NCKC as the Tasic's are unable to continue. Judith has informed Dogs ACT that she will be taking on the role of President for them.

NOTED & to let JW know that Kat Manna has offered to help.

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

Moved: Katarina Manna

Seconded: Elektra Oshyer

Carried

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have had another month go by and dogs ACT have run a successful weekend of shows to contribute to the coffers and make the bank balance healthier.

A big thank you to Kirstin for organizing the running of the shows and organizing our Judges and stewards for the weekend. Thank you to all who assisted with the set-up and pull-down and the general running of the shows all weekend.

I have heard that sprint dog has been well attended and is going from strength to strength along with Scent work which is great to hear with them being newer disciplines in Dog sports.

Now that we have had the new Rules for the Association voted in at the AGM it is time to make a start on the Regulations and bring them up to date with the new rules and present-day procedures.
JB has volunteered to be part of this working party.

Finally, I would just like to reiterate on my email the other day about confidentiality at Council meetings and I would like to ask everybody on council to treat everyone with respect and kindness while representing Dogs ACT.

****Discuss direction voting of Dogs Australia AGM topics****

Readacted

Motion Passed: "That the President report be accepted"

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

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Profit & Loss sheet - Will be presented by KH

Balance Sheet - Will be presented by KH

- Balance and P&L Sheets presented.

Need to confirm what the Trade Levy Breakdown on the sheets is representing.

(Trade Levy Breakdown is transactions not yet reconciled out by accountant for BAS, this is not monies owing)

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: *No Report Rec* – **Report received late and was just for noting.**

❖ **Breed:** - **VACANT:** Council Suggested Carrie Payne -admin found Carrie is a NSW member. **Yet to find a candidate to approach.**

- ❖ **DWD & Trick Dogs:** Niccola Hardaker: *No Report Rec*
- ❖ **Government Liaison:** Katarina Manna: *No Report Rec*
- ❖ **Grounds & Buildings:** Eric Birkeland: *See Attachment B – for noting*
- ❖ **Health & Welfare:** - **VACANT:** Hayden Montgomery has accepted this role (8/10).
- ❖ **Judges Training:** Linda Buckley: *See Attachment B – for noting*
- ❖ **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: *NIL to report*
- ❖ **Marketing & Promotion:** Fran Coventry: *Items in report for discussion in attachment B*
- ❖ **Obedience & Rally:** Judith Barlow: *See Attachment B – for noting*
- ❖ **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: Judith Barlow

Seconded: Heather Swinbourn

Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 – Prizes dollar value re donations – Fran Coventry

It was discussed the show prizes v’s the rule and the written minimum values, as it was seen that the prizes at shows are not abiding by the values as stated in the rules.

It was noted that it is up to the Dogs ACT show committee to arrange and acquire the prizes for Dogs ACT Shows as per the value stated in the rules.

9.2 - Dog training for the members – Fran Coventry

It was discussed that there is a suggested need for show training and socialisation needed in the show community, this has not been run for a few years at Dogs ACT and has not been possibly for the past year as the grounds have not had lights to be able to run the rings at night.

It was noted that if “instructors” can be found who are willing to run classes that it be promoted on social media.

Plan - find people who are willing to offer their time to help with training classes and look at how run a booking system.

9.3 – Suggestions of addition to the sub committees for the direct communication of all clubs – eg a relationship officer – Fran Coventry

It was noted that this is what the presidents and secretaries’ meetings are supposed to facilitate.

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

To be presented prior to close of meeting.

- Heather Swinbourn asked if our IT people are able to formulate a more Automated Membership Renewal System to get away from PDFs and Paper format.
It was noted that for this to happen there needs to be investigated more which would likely require a large overhaul of the web page as the simple format that it is at the moment would be costly.
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Motion Passed: "That the Matters Arising from General Business be accepted"
Moved: Elecktra Oshyer **Seconded:** Eric Birkeland **Carried**

Meeting Closed: 9:58pm

Next Meeting: 13th NOVEMBER 2024