



**Minutes of the Executive Council meeting**

**Held on 1-2 May 2021**

**At the Canterbury Kennel Association  
701 McLean Island Road  
McLeans Island  
Christchurch 8051**

## 1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President  
Jill Brooker (JB)  
Donna Hailes (DH)  
Lisa Slade (LS)  
Phil Johnson (PJ)  
Stephen Meredith (SM)

Arend van den Bos (AB)  
Keith Brown (KB)  
Catherine McManus (CM)  
Trina Nichols (TN)  
Steve Tate (STT)

### STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

### APOLOGIES

Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer  
Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator

### WELCOME

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 9am.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition: General Business:

- o Crufts Email
- o Weimaraner Registration Request
- o NZDJA Letter
- o Reporting of dog aggression charges - Agility

Additional – Shella Morris – Life membership

The E.C adopted the agenda.

Moved: STT/LS – Adopted

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The E.C noted the Conflicts of Interest register.  
NW to update register with PJ conflicts.

### EMAIL VOTES

Eight recent email votes:

1. NZDJA: R Trainor to Utility Group & All Breed Status
2. Junior Showman Panel D Beiby
3. Agility Judge Promotion S Ridley
4. NZDJA Practical Exam Candidates Promotion
5. Registration of Lajotto Romagnolo
6. Ratification of Weimaraner Regs
7. FCI Show Class Changes
8. Approval for Seismic Report Budget

Moved: STT; Seconded: PJ – Adopted

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

The E.C noted the list of deceased members; Kay Josephs (Edgecumbe), Viv Good (Christchurch), Anne Rowland (Hawera), Frederick Crouch (Paeroa), Les Atkinson (Christchurch). Rhonda Roberts, (Westport) Margaret Gage, (Blenheim), Trevor Warman (Christchurch), Ruth Hennessey (Waikato).

**MARCH 2021 / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The E.C confirmed the 6-7 March 2021 meeting minutes.

Moved: KB; Seconded: LS – Adopted

<b>2. FINANCE</b>
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**MOTION:**

That the FY 2021 – 22 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN presented by management and approved by Risk, Audit & Finance Committee be adopted.

Moved: SM; Seconded: AB – Adopted

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- **31 March 2021 Year End Accounts**

Report provided by Clive Phillips (CP).

**AN INCREDIBLE RESULT FOR A YEAR WHICH COMMENCED UNDER A CLOUD OF UNCERTAINTY AND PRESENTED CHALLENGES THROUGH OUT THE YEAR.**

March – Deficit for month - Year End Adjustment masks sound operational result for March.

March Actual Revenue \$21.1k favourable compared to Budget. Dogs NZ head office \$27.8k was responsible for the entire favourable monthly revenue. All other activity areas recorded unfavourable, minor favourable or breakeven revenue outcomes compared to budget.

Membership, Kennel names and Gazette subscriptions are ahead of last year's actuals. All Registry activity except exports & Imports are ahead of last year. Refer Registry Activity Table.

March Actual Expenditure unfavourable compared to budget by \$8.4k. Dogs NZ head office expenses exceed budget by \$18.2k. All other activity areas recorded favourable outcomes compared to budget.

Dogs NZ head office expense overrun was due to higher expenses in Postage & Courier, R & M and Other Property expenses.

**Actual Income FAVOURABLE compared to budget by \$601.9K for the Year**

All operations favourable compared to budget income. The main contributors are Dogs NZ HO \$417.4k and Gazette \$67.9k representing 82% of the overall favourable total.

**Actual Expenditure FAVOURABLE compared to budget by \$11.1k for the Year**

**Operations FAVOURABLE compared to Budget Expenditure YTD**

Dogs NZ HO \$9.5k, Gazette \$12.5k Agility \$19.8k and CGC \$5.2k helped offset the unfavourable compared to budget expenditure from the venues AEC (\$3.5k), Dunedin (\$17.2K) and Wellington (\$15.8k).

**Balance Sheet REMAINS STRONG - Cash and Property rich****Total cash to end of March \$1,662k, up \$202.1k since end of last financial year (March 2020).****Summary of Group Financial Results: – Income minus Expenditure****Monthly Result:** Deficit favourable compared to Budget and Pre Covid Budget deficits but unfavourable compared to Last Year's Actual.

<u>March Month:- Income less Expenditure</u>				
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Pre Covid Budget</u>	
(\$16,007)	(\$28,599)	(\$11,880)	(\$25,973)	
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2020-2021</u>	
<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
\$209,075	(\$392,794)	\$2,016	(\$392,794)	\$209,075

**Actual YTD results:-**

- Significantly favourable compared to Budget By: - \$601.9k
- Favourable compared to Pre Covid Budget By: - \$297k
- Favourable compared to Last Year Actual By: - \$207.7k

**Registry Activity**

The table clearly reflects Registry activity was comfortably ahead of last year, both in numbers and Income, except for Exports and Imports.

	<u>Analysis YTD March 2021</u>					
	<u>Number</u>			<u>Income</u>		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Litter Notification	1,980	1,674	18%	69,545	60,301	15%
Registrations	9,654	8,453	14%	265,332	211,770	25%
Transfers	7,070	5,623	26%	126,768	107,680	18%
Imports	308	336	-8%	28,417	31,956	-11%
Exports	200	257	-22%	18,991	23,536	-19%
Overall Total	<u>19,212</u>	<u>16,343</u>	18%	<u>509,053</u>	<u>435,243</u>	17%

### Detailed Analysis

#### **Dogs NZ (NZKC):- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$426.9k**

Income \$417.4k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

Expenses \$9.5 FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

#### **AEC: - FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$42k**

Income \$45.5k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$3.5k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

#### **Dunedin: - :UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$0.4k**

Income \$16.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$17.2k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

#### **Wellington Property FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$6.3k**

Income \$22k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$15.8k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

#### **Gazette: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$80.4k**

Income \$67.9k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$12.5k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

#### **NDOA: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$5k**

Income \$4.7k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD which was NIL.

Expenses \$0.3k UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

#### **Agility: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$27.9k**

Income \$8.1k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$19.7k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

#### **JDT & JDS: - FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$9.1k**

#### **Obedience: - UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$4.8k**

#### **Balance Sheet & Cash Flow**

- Cash balances INCREASED \$202.1k since 31 March 2020.
- Debtors \$15.2k less than at the end of last financial year. There is nil in the 3 month overdue category and \$1.7k in the Four month and older balances
- Prepayments \$37.1k (expenses paid in advance) - \$6.12k less than end of last financial year. \$35.3k is the Insurance premium for the 21/22 year.
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$96.7k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$30.7k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$66k
  - The main items comprising the Receipts in Advance total are:-
  - Purina Sponsorship \$66k - This will be released into accounts in equal monthly instalments in new financial year

Obedience Regions NDOA monies \$24k - \$1.6k Nthn, \$14.7k Centrl, \$7.7k Sthn to be held until their next respective NDOA event.

E.C. discussed the report and CM to explain the treatment of sponsorship revenue to the Dunedin Management committee.

Moved: LS; Seconded: PJ – Report Adopted

### **3. IMPORTANT ITEMS**

#### **FCI SHOW JUDGING – POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

Presentation by Brian Harris (BH).

Confirmed Judges Christchurch FCI Show: 13 November 2021

Teresa Lawrence  
Geraldine Gulbransen  
Denise Clark  
Gary Carleton  
Pam Douglas  
Carolyn Cederman  
Geoff Whitfield

BH presented an FCI show / judging process power point presentation that is being delivered to all judges around the country.

The E.C discussed the FCI Show Judges appointed to in Christchurch on Saturday. 5 of the Judges have FCI CACIB International experience. The importance to have trained Stewards & writers was also discussed. It is also important to educate Exhibitors on breed classes as they differ from standard NZ shows.

Draft budget being prepared based on entry of 550 dogs with an Exhibitor Entry fee \$22. Purina sponsorship involvement is also being negotiated.

Report Received

#### **STRATEGY COMMITTEE REPORT**

##### **RE: Strategy Committee Report**

##### **Background:**

Now that Executive Council has approved the 10 Year Strategic Plan the focus is on how we will bring existing members along with the change from current approaches to the new strategy's purpose, mission and priorities and developing a stakeholder engagement plan.

##### **Planning for Membership Engagement:**

A subcommittee has been established to craft an engagement strategy with members and our strategic partners and will have its first zoom meeting prior to the May Executive Council meeting

The working subcommittee consists of:

- Martin Hewitt (Chair – Strategy Committee)
- Fiona Hodgson (Ex Chair Agility & Strategy Committee)
- Alice Trevelyan (Young member involved in conformation)
- Jo Murray (PR consultant & Strategy Committee)
- Steven Thompson (Director Secretary & Strategy Committee)

We are still looking for a young member who is involved in obedience competitions to join the working group. The key objective of the working group is to develop a series of communication pieces on our new strategy that culminate in a presentation at ACOD 2021.

### **Stakeholder Relationship Management:**

A small working group of Jo Murray, Steven Thompson and Becky Murphy are developing a draft Stakeholder Management Strategy which after input from breeders and the Strategy Committee will be presented to the June Executive Council Meeting.

The key outcomes of Strategy are:

- Environment scan:
  - What are the threats / opportunities
  - What are the key issues & desired outcomes that we face
- Who are the key decision makers?
- Who in Dogs NZ owns these relationships and how do we engage?
- Development of advocacy manifesto and key position statement statements.

The E.C discussed and noted the Strategy Committee Report.

Report received

### **ACOD REMIT & RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

- **DRAFT AGENDA**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

The E.C discussed the ACOD Remit & Recommendations and noted the draft Agenda. The Obedience Committee Remit from last year is to be resubmitted. This will result in two Remits and 4 Recommendations being presented at ACOD. E.C. noted that Obituaries are to be added to the agenda.

Report Received

<b>4. REGULATIONS</b>
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### **AMENDMENT TO SCENT WORK REGULATIONS**

Proposed by the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee.

#### **4.6 Results for Qualifying Scent Work Trials**

Results for all Dogs NZ Qualifying Scent Work Trials must be submitted to Dogs NZ within 14 days of the show, using an appropriate Scent Work Results sheet which can be downloaded from the Dogs NZ Scent Work website.

### 5.2.1 The Judge shall:

- (a) Have and maintain complete control and decision-making over matters in the search area.
- (b) Design each of the searches; this includes course design, selecting (and/or, if appropriate, varying) the hide locations.
- (c) Evaluate the team's performance during the search.
- (d) When the competitor calls Alert, confirm with a "Yes" or "No".

### 5.2.2 Maximum Numbers

The maximum number of searches a Scent Work Judge may judge per day in any Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Trial is 80.

## 6.5 Scent Work Awards

### 6.5.2 Novice Interior Scent Detection Award

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Novice Interior Search, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of NIS after its name.

### 6.5.3 Novice Exterior Scent Detection Award

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Novice Exterior Search, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of NES after its name.

### 6.5.4 Novice Vehicle Scent Detection Award

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Novice Vehicle Search, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of NVS after its name.

### 6.5.5 Advanced Container Scent Detection Award

After a dog has attained four qualifying Scent Detection Certificates for the Advanced Container pattern, it is entitled to be awarded the suffix of ACS after its name.

## 7.2 Odour Search Division

Dogs search for an odour of one or more specific Essential oils in a variety of environments known as "classes". The Classes are:

- Container searches. The target odour is concealed within a container, and the dog must indicate in which container the odour is hidden.
- Interior searches. The target odour is concealed in an indoor search environment such as a room or rooms within a building and the dog must indicate the location of the target odour.
- Exterior searches. The target odour is in an area having no greater than two walls and natural air flow patterns. The dog must indicate the location of the target odour.
- Vehicle searches. The target odour is concealed in a wheeled apparatus. The dog must indicate the location of the Target odour.



## 7.4 Odours

### 7.4.1 Dogs New Zealand Approved

For each separate Class of search, and their level of difficulty, a DNZ approved Essential Oil must be used for DNZ qualification purposes. These are:

**7.4.1.2** Novice Interior Search – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil

**7.4.1.3** Novice Exterior Search – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil

**7.4.1.4** Novice Vehicle Search – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil

**7.4.1.5** Advanced Container Search – Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) Oil

## 8.1 Novice Container Search

### 8.1.1 Eligibility for Entry

**8.1.1.1** For dogs that have not gained a Novice Container Scent Work Award.

**8.1.1.4** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

## 8.2 Novice Interior Search

### 8.2.1 Eligibility for Entry

**8.2.1.1** For dogs that have not gained a Novice Interior Scent Work Award.

**8.2.1.2** All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil scent. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted to compete in a container search.

**8.2.1.3** Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

**8.2.1.4** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

### 8.2.2 Scent Detection Certificate

To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Scent Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Novice Interior Search.

## 8.3 Novice Exterior Search

### 8.3.1 Eligibility for Entry

**8.3.1.1** For dogs that have not gained a Novice Exterior Scent Work Award.

**8.3.1.2** All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil scent. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted to compete in a container search.

**8.3.1.3** Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

**8.3.1.4** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

### **8.3.2 Scent Detection Certificate**

To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Novice Exterior Search.

## **8.4 Novice Vehicle Search**

### **8.4.1 Eligibility for Entry**

**8.4.1.1** For dogs that have not gained a Novice Vehicle Scent Work Award.

**8.4.1.2** All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil scent. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted to compete in a container search.

**8.4.1.3** Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

**8.4.1.4** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

### **8.4.2 Scent Detection Certificate**

To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Novice Vehicle Search.

## **8.5 Advanced Container Search**

### **8.5.1 Eligibility for Entry**

**8.5.1.1** For dogs that have gained a Novice Container Scent Work Award but not an Advanced Novice Container Scent Work Award.

**8.5.1.2** All competitors must attest that their dogs have been adequately imprinted on the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas oil and Essential Lemongrass (organic) oils. This will generally involve multiple scent imprinting sessions (as outlined in the Dogs NZ Scent Imprinting Guidelines) prior to the day of the trial. Competitors should seek

guidance from the organisers of the scent imprinting sessions, experienced competitors, or Scent Work judges to determine whether their dogs are sufficiently imprinted to compete in a container search.

**8.5.1.3** Dogs under 6 months of age are not eligible to compete.

**8.5.1.4** Handlers must be 14 years of age or older. Handlers younger than 14 years of age may compete but must be accompanied by a non-competing adult guardian for which spectator rules apply.

## **8.5.2 Scent Detection Certificate**

To obtain a valid Dogs NZ Qualifying Certificate, dogs will need to complete a successful Advanced Container Search.

## **8.6 Prerequisites.**

Teams may not progress in any Class unless the prerequisite type and number of Scent Detection Certificates has been endorsed as having been completed by Dogs New Zealand.

## **8.7 Must Progress.**

Teams must progress in any Class for which the pre-requisites of a higher Class have been met.

## **9.7.3 Participant Indication**

The competitor shall confirm the dog's indication of the odour source with the word "Alert" accompanied by a raising of the hand (or another clear visual signal) when the dog indicates a find. If a verbal confirmation is not possible due to environmental factors or a competitor's ability, the competitor may inform the judge of an alternate confirmation, such as an obvious hand signal.

## **9.7.4 Scent Work Judge Confirmation**

When the competitor calls Alert, the Judge shall confirm with a "Yes" or "No". If the dog is clearly indicating the source of the odour, the Scent Work Judge should respond "Yes" when the competitor calls Alert.

## **9.9.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.

## **9.10 Novice Interior Search**

### **9.10.1 Start line.**

Two cones or pegs will denote the start position, which shall be 3.5 metres from the immediate search area.

### **9.10.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.

**9.10.3 Teamwork.**

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

**9.10.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.**

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

**9.11 Novice Exterior Search**

**9.11.1 Start line.**

Two cones or pegs will denote the start position, which shall be 3.5 metres from the immediate search area.

**9.11.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.

**9.11.3 Teamwork.**

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

**9.11.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.**

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

**9.12 Novice Vehicle Search**

**9.12.1 Start line.**

Two cones or pegs will denote the start position, which shall be 3.5 metres from the immediate search area.

**9.12.2 Timing**

Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.

**9.12.3 Teamwork.**

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

**9.12.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.**

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

### 9.13 Advanced Container Search

#### 9.13.1 Start line.

Two cones or pegs will denote the start position, which shall be 3.5 metres from the immediate search area.

#### 9.13.2 Timing

Dog must find the Target Odour within three minutes.

#### 9.13.3 Teamwork.

The trial will be judged on the dog and handler working together as a team. A participant may give verbal encouragement during the search and may touch their dog as direction or praise, but not to guide the dog.

#### 9.13.4 Qualifying/Non-Qualifying.

Dogs shall be deemed to have qualified, providing they have found the scent within three minutes and accrued no more than 3 penalty points (except in the event of disqualification).

### 9.14 Penalties

Re-Number changes to **9.14 – 9.18**

#### 9.14.2 A disqualification will be recorded if:

- Food, ~~or~~ toys, or any non-permitted training aid is taken into the search area.

### 10.2 Entry Limitation

At any Scent Work Trial, a dog may only enter a maximum of **four** classes which may be at separate levels.

A hosting society may determine a maximum number of entries permitted for each Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial, but shall not ~~Whenever entry numbers~~ exceed the number of dogs permitted to be judged in accordance with 5.2.2.7. Priority ~~shall~~ **must always** be given to Dogs NZ members, ~~handling registered Dogs NZ dogs,~~ on a chronological receipt of entry basis.

#### 11.1.1.2 Preparation Table.

Where possible, a small, elevated platform may be located at no less than ten (10) metres prior to the actual Search Area start line. At this station, handlers will be permitted to place one reward item (including food or toy) for the purpose of post search reinforcement. However, at no time must the reward article (including food) be permitted to contact the floor or ground surface.

Collars and Harnesses may also be permitted to be left on this table.

Handlers must remove all articles at the conclusion of their Trial.

### 11.2 Novice Container Search

### 11.2.1 Equipment

**11.2.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for **Scent Receptacles**, which must be provided by the Scent Work Judge, all containers and other equipment used (such as Velcro), must be provided by the host organisation along with additional containers and equipment should this become necessary for replacements such as contaminations.

**11.2.1.2. One Scent Aid.** There shall be only one Scent Aid for each Novice Scent Work Trial.

**11.2.1.3 Scent Receptacle.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil is to be used in Novice Searches. Scent Aids are to be constructed by the presiding judge in accordance with the instructions laid out in the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual.

**11.2.1.6. Scent Aid placement.** All Scent Receptacles should be placed in the **desired location** no less than 15 minutes before **commencement of a Search Trial**. This applies also to any replacement samples/containers.

**11.2.1.7. Hide placement.** No hide may be placed any higher than 900mm from the search area surface.

**11.2.1.8. Containers.** For **Novice Container Searches**, **twelve** five-litre plastic or metal containers are **to be** used. These are to be weighted (with sandbags for example) to prevent dogs from nudging them over. For **Advanced, Excellent and Master Container Searches**, **a variety of odour permeable container types and sizes may be used**. Surplus containers for replacement must also be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated.

**11.2.1.9. Identical.** For **Novice Container Searches**, all the containers must be identical in shape and size, with a minimum height of between 20cm. Each container must have a covered/fitted lid with 8 – 10 holes of 5mm diameter to allow the dog to smell the scent but not access it.

### 11.2.2 Set-up.

**11.2.2.2. Distractions.** No intentional distractions **are permitted** at the Novice level.

**11.2.2.3. Container placement.** For **Novice Container Searches**, containers must be placed one metre apart in either one straight line of 12 or two parallel lines of six in each row, maintaining between 1.5 and 2 metres between rows. For **Advanced, Excellent and Master Container Searches**, **containers shall be set out in rows, a circle or “U” shape formation**.

**11.2.2.4 Target container.** The Target Container (i.e., the one **containing the** Scent Aid) should remain in the same position for all participants. However, the judge may choose to move the Target Container (or all containers) if they deem this to be necessary (for example if a dog has fouled near the containers or due to any other contamination of the target container location).

## 11.3 Novice Interior Search

### 11.3.1 Equipment

**11.3.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Scent Aids must be provided by the officiating Scent Work Judge. Scent Work Judges may also have added to the Search Area, props (such as furniture, toys, and other objects) to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.3.1.2. One Scent Aid.** There shall be only one Scent Aid for each Novice Interior Scent Work Trial.

**11.3.1.3 Scent aid.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil is to be used in Novice Interior Searches. Scent Aids are to be constructed by the presiding judge in accordance with the instructions laid out in the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual.

**11.3.1.4 Not accessible.** The competitor (dog) must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Aid. The Scent Aid should be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (scent container), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pin-size holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released. sample should not be accessible for the dog to eat or lick.

**11.3.1.5 Scent Aid container placement.** The Scent Aid container may be magnetic or have magnets attached to it (in the case of steel containers) or be secured using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure scent holes).

**11.3.1.6. Scent Aid placement.** Scent Aids may be hidden on, under or in an object or solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area, and must be placed in the desired location no less than 15 minutes before commencement of a Search Trial.

Target odour may be hidden on, under or in an object or solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area.

**11.3.1.7. Hide placement.** No hide may be placed any higher than 600mm above floor level or in any boundary markers.

### 11.3.2 Set-up.

**11.3.2.1. Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the Scent Area being set-up or other handlers undertaking a search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.3.2.2. Distractions.** No intentional distractions are permitted at the Novice level.

**11.3.2.3 Scent Work Area.** Interior Search Areas may include an entire or partial area of a room. If the room is not fully utilized, the Search Area boundaries must be clearly defined.

## 11.4 Novice Exterior Search

### 11.4.1 Equipment

**11.4.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Scent Aids must be provided by the officiating Scent Work Judge. Scent Work Judges may also have added to the Search Area, props (such as furniture, toys, and other objects) to enhance interest and/or add complexity.

**11.4.1.2. One Scent Aid.** There shall be only one Scent Aid for each Novice Exterior Scent Work Trial.

**11.4.1.3 Scent aid.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil is to be used in Novice Exterior Searches. Scent Aids are to be constructed by the presiding judge in accordance with the instructions laid out in the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual.

**11.4.1.4 Not accessible.** The competitor (dog) must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Aid. The Scent Aid should be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (scent container), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pin-size holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released. sample should not be accessible for the dog to eat or lick.

**11.4.1.5 Scent Aid container placement.** The Scent Aid container may be magnetic or have magnets attached to it (in the case of steel containers) or be secured using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure scent holes).

**11.4.1.6. Scent Aid placement.** Scent Aids may be hidden on, under or in an object or solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area, and must be placed in the desired location no less than 15 minutes before commencement of a Search Trial.

Target odour may be hidden on, under or in an object or solid wall, door, or window within the Search Area.

**11.4.1.7. Hide placement.** No hide may be placed any higher than 600mm above floor level or in any boundary markers.

#### **11.4.2 Set-up.**

**11.3.2.1. Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the Scent Area being set-up or other handlers undertaking a search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.3.2.2. Distractions.** No intentional distractions are permitted at the Novice level.

**11.3.2.3 Scent Work Area.** Exterior Search Areas may be in a covered area but should have no more than two (2) walls. Search Areas are also required to be clearly defined.

### **11.5 Novice Vehicle Search**

#### **11.5.1 Equipment**

**11.5.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Aids, which must be provided by the presiding Scent Work Judge, all vehicles used, must be provided by the host organisation.

All vehicles that are to be used must be thoroughly checked prior to a Scent Search Trail for fuel/ oil leaks and fumes, and that they are not hot (from recent use). Neither should they have any sharp or protruding parts that could harm the dog.

**11.5.1.2. One Scent Aid.** There shall be only one Scent Aid for each Novice Vehicle Scent Work Trial.

**11.5.1.3 Scent aid.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil is to be used in Novice Vehicle Searches. Scent Aids are to be constructed by the presiding judge in accordance with the instructions laid out in the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual.

**11.5.1.4 Not accessible.** The competitor (dog) must not be able to make physical contact with the Scent Aid. The Scent Aid should be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal



container (scent container), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pin-size holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released. sample should not be accessible for the dog to eat or lick.

**11.5.1.5 Scent Aid container placement.** The Scent Aid container may be magnetic or have magnets attached to it (in the case of steel containers) or be secured using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure scent holes).

**11.5.1.6. Scent Aid placement.** Scent Aids must only be placed on the vehicles frame (bumper, seams, and number plate), wheel (hubcaps/spokes), or in the wheel wells of the vehicles. Hides shall NEVER be placed in the interior of a vehicle, or on the roof or bonnet of the vehicle. Neither should it be placed greater than 5 cm under a vehicle.

## 11.5.2 Set-up.

**11.5.2.1. Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the Scent Area being set-up or other handlers undertaking a search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.5.2.2. Distractions.** No intentional distractions are permitted at the Novice level.

**11.5.2.3 Scent Work Area.** Exterior Search Areas may be in a covered area but should have no more than two (2) walls. Search Areas are also required to be clearly defined.

## 11.6 Advanced Container Search

### 11.6.1 Equipment

**11.6.1.1 Provision of equipment.** Except for Scent Aids, which must be provided by the officiating Scent Work Judge, all containers and other equipment used (such as Velcro), must be provided by the host organisation along with additional containers and equipment should this become necessary for replacements such as contaminations.

**11.6.1.2. Two Scent Aids.** There shall be two Scent Aids for each Advanced Container Scent Work Trial.

**11.6.1.3 Scent Aid.** Only the approved Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil and/or Essential Lemongrass (organic) is to be used in Advanced Container searches. Scent Aids are to be constructed by the presiding judge in accordance with the instructions laid out in the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual.

**11.6.1.4 Not accessible.** The competitor (dog) must not be able to make physical contact with the scent aid. The Scent Aid should be placed inside a sealed medical plastic or metal container (scent container), no greater than 50ml in size with either 5 pin-size holes or a singular 5mm hole in its top to allow scent to be released.

**11.6.1.5 Scent Aid container placement.** The Scent Aid container may be magnetic or have magnets attached to it (in the case of steel containers) or be secured to the inside of the designated container using tape or Velcro (provided this action does not obscure scent holes).

**11.6.1.6. Scent Aid placement.** All Scent Aids should be placed in the target container no less than 15 minutes before each search. This applies also to any replacement

samples/containers. There must be no more than one Scent Aid or Distraction in any single container.

**11.6.1.7. Hide placement.** Any hide may not be placed any higher than 900mm from the search area surface.

**11.6.1.8. Containers.** Sixteen containers of various types and sizes. Identical surplus containers for replacement must also be available should any of the containers become damaged or contaminated. Whenever cardboard boxes are used, the bottoms of the boxes must have no opening or be taped shut.

## **11.6.2 Set-up.**

**11.6.2.1. Previews not permitted.** To protect the integrity of the hide handlers are prohibited from watching the scent area being set-up or other handlers undertaking the search until after their own search has been completed.

**11.6.2.2. Distractions.** One non-food distraction must be placed in one of the containers (not containing a Scent Aid).

**11.6.2.3. Container placement.** Containers are placed in either two parallel lines of eight (8), in a circle, or in a “U” shape formation with at least 50cm spacing between.

**11.6.2.4 Target containers.** Target containers (i.e., the ones with the scent sample) as well as the container containing the non-food distraction should remain in the same position for all participants. However, the judge may choose to move the target container, distraction container, or all containers if they deem this to be necessary (for example if a dog has fouled near the containers or due to any other contamination of the target container location).

**11.6.2.5 Scent Work area surface.** Advanced container searches must be conducted on a level surface such as grass, concrete, or asphalt.

## **11.7 Stewards**

Re-Number changes to **11.7.1 – 11.7.9**

## **Glossary**

**“Alert”:** A **verbal and physical** communication from the handler to the judge that the dog has indicated the location of the odour.

The E.C discussed and agreed to the amendments to the current Scent Work Regulations.

Moved: AB, Seconded: CM - CARRIED

<b>5. OFFICE REPORTS (READ ONLY)</b>
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## **DIRECTOR SECRETARY REPORT**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

### **1. Key Strategic Plan Activities**

With the draft Strategic Plan focusing on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporated into our annual draft business plan my Director Secretary report will focus on what initiatives we have underway to achieve our goals.

**Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs**

Our current focus remains launching the New Puppy Owners Edm. We have completed the following project work:

- Website landing pages updated or created for Dog Training, Dog Sports and Breeders Code of Conduct mediation service.
- Integrated Edm send in Registry process once all pedigree paper checks have been completed (new one click send box in Registry Admin).
- Links to Pet N Sur / Purina website integrated into Edm.
- Downloadable Pedigree papers that are automatically updated when changes made.

We are now waiting on Purina Design team to complete final tweaks on the HTML artwork before we can go live.

We have started work on the Club Tool kit project but progress has been slow because of focus on building sale vote.

**Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training**

We will have a presence at Christchurch Pet Expo (weekend 8/9 May which will feature the new Dogs NZ Dog Training display Kit. Focus will be on promoting Canine Good Basic & Canine Good Citizens courses to all dog owners.

Addition of DPS payment system to the Dog Training Registration programme and its roll-out to the training clubs is on hold until we complete the Audit & Year Accounts but will be a priority for May.

**Strategic Priority: Registry Development**

Our key planning focus for registry upgrades is looking at what we need to do to transfer from the current registry interface which restricts the development work we can do to improve our online registry experience.

This will be an important development as we will effectively "retire" the old interface developed in the mid 2000's which is no longer supported by any software supplier and move to a more flexible interface which gives us more development options.

The data in our Registry will remain on our own servers, it is only the tools that we use to manipulate the data that are being upgraded.

In January and February we experienced an unacceptable delay in processing registry applications. This has caused us to review our registration processing systems and procedures. We have made changes and committed to a 3 working day turnaround in online registrations and 10 working day turnaround in paper registrations.

The performance of registry will be closely monitored by the management team, especially during the key "hump" registration periods of November – April to ensure we meet our service commitments to members.

**Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health / Effective Advocacy & Strategic Stakeholder relations**

On Thursday 28 April Brian Harris, Dr Becky Murphy and Steven Thompson will have a private meeting with Gwyneth Verkerk Chair of NAWAC and key MPI advisors.

Our discussion agenda is:

*Dogs NZ Update on Recent Progress in our focus on science led canine health & welfare:*

- LRL update
- RFG update
- BCOC update
- Agility Safety Assessments
- Judges Heath Scheme

*Potential upcoming government legislation*

- Dog Breeding legislation
- Dogs in Sport legislation

The move to legislate dog breeders has started to gather momentum with the initiative of the 4 local bodies to place it on the table for discussion at the LG conference and NAWAC has started to change its stance from being "hands off" on the subject to signalling that they believe dog breeding is a marketplace that needs to be better regulated. We want to get some insight on what that means and what potential pathway do they see such legislation taking? Will it be An NAWAC lead initiative or be devolved to the Dog Control Act and local Government enforcement?

Dogs in Sport has gone quiet but we are aware that the Minister of Animal Welfare has Rodeos in her sights so it will come back on the political agenda. We would like to get a steer from NAWAC on how fast they see this legislation coming down the pipeline and what the next steps are after their consultation on the cost benefit analysis tool.

*The key messages we want to convey are:*

- We are ready and willing to assist in any legislation process as we are a source of expertise on canine issues
- We have a view on what good dog breeding looks like
- We have science lead expertise as demonstrated by LRL / BCOC
- We have expertise/capability in running an national breeders registry

## **2. Key National Office Activities**

### ***Staff Work Allocation***

To allow the Director Secretary to concentrate on the Wellington building projects and implementing the new strategic plan, the complaints / regulations update tasks have been reallocated within the Office.

- *Executive Administration Officer:* Official Complaint's / Suspension of kennel names / Regulation updates
- *Membership Manager:* Breeder/ Registry disputes
- *Canine Health & Welfare Administrator:* BCOC mediation disputes

This has freed a considerable amount of my time and I am still looking at what basic administration tasks can be transferred to the Executive Administration Office so I can concentrate on business development roles.

### ***Office Relocation***

We have commenced a search for potential new office space in the Porirua – Johnsonville region and have set of criteria that based on:

- Location
- Size
- Interior Setup
- Amenities (storage / meeting rooms)
- Parking

Our ideal office facility will give us room to expand if we have an opportunity to increase our registry business and provide a better working environment that staff have not experienced in recent times. It will also provide an attractive environment to recruit quality new staff.

While we continue to look at options we have identified a property in Porirua that meets all our criteria. It is a more modern office space than 11 Prosser St and if we want to improve our national office environment we are going to have to look at a budget increase for rental.

At present we budget \$50,000 for internal rental & rates contribution for 11 Prosser St. As our own landlord we are also responsible for any office repairs and upgrades. The annual lease cost for modern office facilities in the size we need are in the range of \$70 - \$90k. The Porirua office we have identified is being offered at a lease cost of \$77k py. With the operational savings from the sale of Porirua we can comfortably accommodate such an increase in Office lease costs.

Once we are in a position to sign any lease agreement (post the outcome of the ACOD vote) we will provide E.C. with a detailed budget on lease / relocation costs.

### ***Incorporated Societies Bill***

A new major update of the Incorporated Societies Bill is working its way through Parliament. The proposed Bill which is at Select Committee stage has a number of implications regarding the role of Officers & duties, financial gain, disputes processes, conflict of interests and court orders.

I have draft report from lawyer David Cochrane provided by Saunders Unsworth to their clients which I am doing my best to understand the potential implications for Dogs NZ. It is likely that the Bill will undergo major revision at the Select Committee stage and if required I will seek further advice from our own lawyers.

The E.C discussed and noted the Director Secretary's report. A date for the AGM of the Gazette should be scheduled for the July E.C. meeting along with confirmation of directors. ST updated E.C. on the positive outcome of the meeting with NAWAC. There is a commitment for both parties to meet every 6 months.

Report Received

### **CANINE HEALTH AND WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Report received from Dr Becky Murphy (CH&W Officer).

#### **Canine Health & Welfare Officer Report to Executive Council April 2021**

##### *a. Respiratory Function Grading Scheme*

The Kennel Club has advised that it is developing a comprehensive online training resource for Chief Assessors, which will replace the immediate need for face-to-face training, allowing it to be delayed until international travel is deemed appropriate.

Once the UK lockdown restrictions are lifted, filming of the training course can begin with resources becoming available to our Chief Assessors in July. Once our Chief Assessors are trained in the scheme, we can begin a national roll-out so that Regional Assessors can receive their training and begin performing assessments.

An article in April 2021's VetScript mentions the need for Regional Assessors and so the marketing of the scheme in the veterinary community has already begun. While it is disappointing that the roll-out

of this exciting scheme keeps encountering delays, we must remember how privileged we are to live in a country where we mostly go about our lives in relative normality.

Pug owners have been reminded that their LRL requirements for BOAS testing will not be implemented until after a lead-in period as described in the Registration Regulations: "Because of delays in introducing the RFG Scheme Registry Regulation 10.15.2 will be suspended until a 4-month notice is published in NZ Dog World once the scheme has been rolled out in NZ vet clinics."

b. *LRLs*

German Shepherd

Submissions close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April and several have been received for the CHWC to consider.

Bouvier

Submissions close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Steven and I are holding a LRL information session evening at McLeans Island on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.30pm.

c. *Stakeholder engagement*

SPCA

Brief informal discussion at the Animal Behaviour and Welfare Consultative Committee meeting 17 March 2021. No issues relating to Dogs NZ presented.

SPCA – Volkerson Trial

A new trial date of the 19<sup>th</sup> of July has been set.

NAWAC/MPI

Steven, Brian and I are to meet with both groups on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 to provide updates and discuss any issues which may present Dogs NZ in the coming months and years.

I have asked if they can provide an agenda to distribute to EC prior to their regular committee meetings. I am waiting on the response from this.

Government

The Government has announced a review into greyhound racing which will look into the work being done on animal welfare and safety in the industry following calls for a complete ban on the activity.

Grant Robertson (Sport and Racing Minister) advised that he was not satisfied that recommendations made to the industry from the Hansen Report, have been sufficiently implemented.

Information only – Report Received

E.C. discussed the report and noted the interest of Dachshunds and Golden Retrievers to start a LRL for their breed. SM sked that a LRL presentation be arrange in Auckland as he would like to invite a number of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier club to attend to resolve any misinformation about the process.

## **CLUB AND MEMBERSHIP MANAGER REPORT**

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

## **CLUB REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2021**

### **Annual Subscriptions 2021**

These have now been emailed to all clubs with a good response to date regarding payment.

### **Southern Bulldog Club**

The President of the club, Mike Dellow, advises that the club were experiencing difficulties last year but they have held an AGM, have a new committee and have arranged the signatories with their bank. The club has paid last year's account and will be paying this year's account as well.

On the basis of this response withdraw the recommendation that they be disassociated.

Moved: JB, Seconded; STT – approved

### **Application to Change to Recognised Society**

The secretaries of both The Great Dane Club and the Basset Hound Club have been in contact recently and both clubs wish to be recognised clubs only. The Great Dane Club and The Basset Hound Club have advised that they have a small membership of mainly pet owners as well as low numbers of people breeding these breeds. Neither club wishes to sever their connection to Dogs NZ.

Recommend that The Great Dane Club and The Basset Hound Club be recognised only.

Moved: TN, Seconded; LS – approved

### **Application from Jordan Coulson**

The E.C discussed the application received from Jordon Coulson and did not approve association.

Moved: AB, Seconded; STT – approved

Report Received

### **DOGS ON REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2021**

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

#### **BEYONCE QUEEN B OB/7987 Heading Dog owned by A Sail**

This dog was suspended for 2 months. The owner of this dog has advised "Bee has been attending weekly Rally O Obedience classes at Canterbury Canine Obedience Club for the past two months with great results.

In future Bee will be kept on a lead at all times outside the ring when she is on the grounds of any show."

Owner has been given permission to take part in Agility events and to advise Agility Committee so that observers can be arranged.

#### **DEMITRY ONE LITTLE MONSTER 00894-2020 Dobermann owned by S Dalton**

This male Dobermann is entered in upcoming shows and observers will be appointed.

#### **CH KOLGUER MORNING SUN 06008-2018 Dobermann owned by R Thomas**

This female Dobermann has been shown at 2 shows in the past weekend and is entered in upcoming shows where she will be observed.

**CH LOCHBURN BLACK VELVET 04340-2011 Collie (Rough) owned by P Hill**

This female Collie (Rough) has been shown at 2 further shows with good reports from observers.

**MOUTH ALMIGHTY SNOW OB/7832 Jack Russell Terrier owned by S Ward**

This male Jack Russell Terrier has completed the 2 month stand down period and has undertaken training.

The dog was entered and observed at a recent championship obedience tests with good reports received from observers. Obedience Committee to arrange for observers.

**AMAJAH ADORE HER AT SAMBONNIE 00098-2019 Rottweiler owned by H Harris & S Storey**

This female Rottweiler was excluded from the ring at Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association's championship show on 27 February 2021 for aggression towards the judge, Chris Graham.

The owners have been advised of the 7 day stand down and the need for observers for the next 6 shows.

**TARTANEDDOG HIGHLAND QUEEN 04684-2020 Scottish Terrier owned by H Stanbra**

This female Scottish Terrier was excluded from the ring at Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association's championship show on 27 February 2021 for biting the judge, Polly Middleton.

The dog has been placed on 2 month stand down. The owner has written a letter of apology to the judge.

**CHANONRY ROCK A RND AUSTIN 03136-2020 Collie (Rough) owned by B Nelson**

This male Collie (Rough) was excused from the ring at Napier Kennel Centre's championship show on 21 March 2021 by the judge, Linda Strongman, after it bit her on the finger. The skin was not broken and there was no blood but the finger was bruised.

The dog has been suspended from showing for 2 months.

**CH SAHNE CODE RED 03931-2017 Rottweiler owned by S Storey and R Grenyer**

This male Rottweiler was excused from the ring at Napier Kennel Centre's championship show on 21 March 2021 by the judge, Pam Douglas after it lunged at her.

The dog was shown and observed at Hawkes Bay Kennel Association without incident.

**MISTYMOOR SHINING LIGHT AT WILLOWROSE 01263-2021 Golden Retriever owned by D Tonkin**

This female Golden Retriever was excused from the ring at Hutt Valley Kennel Centre's Championship show on 3 April 2021 for aggressive behaviour towards the judge, Lucy Murdoch.

The dog's records have been noted and owner advised of 6 observations.

The E.C discussed and agreed that dogs on observation need to be observed at all times they are in the ring and also observed while out of the ring to check their inaction with other dogs. The E.C also recommended that where possible the observer should be someone not exhibiting.

Report Received



<b>6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE &amp; COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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**JUNIOR DOG COMMITTEES**

- **JDT**

Report provided by Polly Catlin-Maybury (PCM)

Fundraising is a very important part of JDT activities, and our newly formed Fundraising sub-Committee have been brainstorming some great ideas. We are very fortunate to have people donate items for us to raffle - Aaron Gaitau has given us 15 bags of Coprice dog food and Clint Banks has donated a wing jump. So look out for Facebook posts and grab your tickets!

The South Island Schools competition will be held again this year – Susan Tansey does an awesome job of running this show so we are very thankful to her for that. We are also holding a North Island Schools competition for the first time, which is very exciting. Date, classes and judge have all been confirmed.

Moved KB / LS Report Received

**OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE**

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB)

**1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings**

A Dog Obedience Committee Meeting was held on 27 February in Wellington, with the next meeting scheduled for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, also in Wellington.

Continual communication between Dog Obedience Committee members has been maintained conducted electronically when matters have arisen.

**2. Resignations**

The Dog Obedience Committee Meeting was advised of the immediate resignation of Sue Bingham as the Deputy Central Region Representative (for unstated reasons), and the impending resignation of the Deputy Southern Region Representative due to her moving out of the Region.

Elections for both these positions, for a one-year tenure, will now be required as soon as this can be arranged.

**3. April Voting Remits**

Following the distribution of Discussion Papers (outlined in the DOC Report presented for the March EC meeting) to all eligible Obedience voting members, and subsequent to feedback presented to the Dog Obedience Committee at their February meeting, five remits were presented for voting upon during April. These being:

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| <i>General:</i>        | ~ | Change of name from Dog Obedience Committee to Dog Training Committee. |
| <i>Obedience:</i>      | ~ | Alteration of CD Retrieve article.                                     |
| <i>Working Trials:</i> | ~ | Dogs NZ Working Trials Long Jump Regulations.                          |
| <i>Rally-O:</i>        | ~ | Reduction of qualification score for Rally-O Excellent A.              |

- ~ Removal of current Rally-O Excellent stations 254 and 255 and replace with alternative submitted stations.

At the time of writing this report, voting was still active, and the results will therefore be presented to the EC at their June meeting, along with any required Regulation changes. Since any changes would not be effective until 1 January 2022, no urgency on this matter is demanded.

#### **4. August Discussion Papers**

One Discussion paper has been received for distribution in August 2021.

This Discussion Papers concerns:

Rally-O: ~ Setting of a minimum Jump Height.

#### **5. Dogs NZ Strategic Planning**

Steven Thompson (Dogs NZ Director/Secretary) gave the Dogs NZ Dog Obedience Committee an extensive review of the current situation concerning Dogs NZ's projected Business Plan.

This included each code taking greater responsibility for their own actions and requirements rather than a reliance on National funding.

#### **6. Judges Promotions and Appointments**

After fulfilling all the required pre-requests for Obedience Judges promotions, the following applications were electronically voted upon by the Dog Obedience Committee members in March 2021 and approved:

- Karen Browning onto the Championship Test B Panel
- Liz Jupp onto the Open Trial and Ribbon Trial Panel

Ratification for these appointments is now sought from the Dogs NZ EC.

Moved: KB, Seconded STT, Approved

#### **7. National Dog Obedience Assembly 2021**

Planning is now well underway for the Southern Region to host the 2021 NDOA over Labour Weekend in Christchurch at the Riding for Disabled Arena and A&P Grounds.

#### **8. National Dog Obedience Assembly 2022.**

Planning has commenced for hosting an NDOA in 2022. This will be held over Labour Weekend at Ardmore (Auckland).

#### **9. Calendar Clashing.**

Increased concern has recently been expressed regarding the number of Obedience Shows/Events/Trials being held on the same weekends as others. Given the significant increase of activities both within the general Obedience criteria and associated activities, it is now recognized that discouraging activities planned for the same date has become too restrictive and counterproductive. Region Representatives (who have the authority for authorizing Obedience Shows/Events/Trials) have therefore been instructed to act with discretion, considering geographic distancing and discipline format.

#### **10. EC Meeting forecasting.**

A request from the Obedience Judges Association has been made to include the anticipated dates of Dogs NZ EC meetings, to better facilitate when reports (principally concerning Obedience Judges Promotions and Appointments) were required to be submitted.

#### **11. Change of Club Status.**

The Whangarei Dog Training Association have applied for a change of status from Championship Obedience to Recognized Society, due to an inability to sustain continued financial losses associated with Championship Obedience Shows.

#### **12. Dog Trainers Association of New Zealand.**

DTANZ are proposing to hold a conference exclusively for Obedience Dog Trainers in May 2021.

#### **13. Trick Training.**

It is understood that a submission from a representative group is to be made to the Dog Obedience Committee for the introduction of Trick Training under the Obedience umbrella. This has yet to be received.

#### **14. Reintroduction of the Top 20 Competition.**

A number of requests have been made to re-introduce the very popular Top 20 Competition for Obedience, with the principal sponsor being asked to provide product instead of finance.

#### **15. Attraction of Obedience involvement.**

The Dog Obedience Committee discussed a number of options as a means to encourage greater participation in Obedience disciplines. These included:

- Trick Training. A matter for which a working party is now being established to provide feedback to the Dog Obedience Committee.
- Permitting recognized private organizations to host Obedience Events in accordance with existing Obedience Regulations.
- Encouraging non-heelwork participation events at existing Obedience Shows.
- Increased Inter-Club competition.
- Enforcing mandatory lunch breaks for Obedience Judges.

The E.C discussed and noted the Obedience Committee Report. ST to discuss with Purina regarding potential support for Top 20 Competition in 2022.

Moved: AVB Seconded: KB - adopted  
Report Received

### **SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

#### **1. Scent Work Committee Administration**

All Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee matters have to date been dealt with electronically. However, an inaugural face to face Dogs NZ Scent Work face to face meeting for those able to attend has been planned for April 18<sup>th</sup> in Wellington. Aside from the generosity of Dogs NZ allowing the committee to use their Boardroom without expense, all expenses associated with this meeting have been personally borne by the attending committee members themselves.

As this meeting will be held on the day following an inaugural Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges meeting, the main Agenda will be concerned with ensuring that all Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations to allow a planned commencement of Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle Searches from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 are in place.

Since the last EC meeting, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee has largely dealt with:

- \* Reviewing the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations and Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual in anticipation of introducing further Scent Work Classes (as stated above) from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.
- \* Approving an application to become a Dogs NZ Scent Work Judge.

- \* Authorizing two further Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.
- \* Appointing a Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructor.

## **2. Scent Work Committee Voting**

Since the last EC Meeting, several Scent Work matters have been required to be voted upon, and this was done electronically. These included:

- Amendments to Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations 4.6; 9.10.2; 10.2, and 11.1.1.2 (all passed unanimously and presented in the Regulation Section of the EC papers.)
- Agreement to alter spacing between rows in Novice Container configuration B from 1.0 to 1.5 m (passed Unanimously)
- An application to become a Dogs NZ Scent Work Novice Container Judge (passed Unanimously)
- An application to become a recognized Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructor (passed by Majority.)
- Two applications to host a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial (passed Unanimously)

## **3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations.**

In addition to the four current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations changes being sought for approval by the Dogs NZ EC, there is an additional one hundred and thirty-eight (138) Scent Work additions/alterations sought for EC approval to allow for the commencement of Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle to commence from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

## **4. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Meeting**

An inaugural National Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges meeting in Wellington has been planned for April 17<sup>th</sup>. At the time of writing this report, thirteen of the current sixteen Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges have indicated an intention to attend, at their own expense. These judges are coming from as far afield as Dunedin and Auckland (and everywhere in between).

## **5. Appointment of Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges**

One application to become a Dogs NZ Novice Container Scent Work Judge has been received by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, and subsequently been approved. EC endorsement is now requested for:

Amerillis Farmer (Gisborne)  
Christine Nielson (Paeroa)

Moved: BH Seconded: JB - approved

## **6. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual.**

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual has been reprinted to include the anticipated introduction of Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle searches from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

This rewritten manual will also be reviewed by a meeting of Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges at their inaugural meeting in Wellington on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.**

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Horowhenua Dog Training Club hosted a restricted entries Qualifying Dogs NZ Novice Container Scent Work Trial which was attended by twenty participants. Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee have received (and approved) two further Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials, these being:

- Wairarapa Dog Training Club on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- Gisborne Dog Training Club on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Under various stages of completion, there is also a further four applications being currently actioned.

Three of these being in the South Island.

#### **8. Introduction to Dogs NZ Scent Work” workshops.**

At the invitation of the Southern Gundog Society, an “Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork” workshop was held in Christchurch on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This was attended by twenty very enthusiastic participants who had come as far afield as Invercargill, Alexandra and Wanaka.

So successful was this workshop that an ongoing training group of fifteen participants was immediately established, and who now meet fortnightly for ongoing training.

Also as a direct result of this workshop, an invitation has since been received to host an “Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork” workshop in Alexandra, which is currently being planned for July.

There continues to remain a hope for workshops to be conducted in the Central Region, South Canterbury, and Southland areas as well as another in Auckland.

#### **9. Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors.**

Currently, there are sixteen Dogs NZ Novice Container Scent Work Panel Judges, of which seven have now judged, at least once, in an official capacity at a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Trial. Three others have already received contracts for future Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.

#### **10. Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors.**

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee is currently investigating a redefining of approved Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors to enable better distinction to be given to those who have more formal qualifications than those who have just attended a Dogs NZ Scent Work workshop.

Currently twenty-one approved Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work website, covering almost every part of New Zealand.

#### **11. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.**

At the time of writing this report, there are three hundred and eighteen persons currently listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register. An increase of ninety-two persons since the last report. 77.99% are current Dogs NZ members.

#### **12. Novice Panel Judges Appointment**

First Appointments for the Dogs NZ Scent Work Novice Panels

Dogs NZ EC endorsement for the following to be appointed onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Novice Interior; Exterior and Vehicle Panels is sought:

- Arend van den Bos
- Jim Wyeth
- Jo Searle
- Karen Magorian
- Lyn Clearwater
- Maree Boreham
- Rob Peterson
- Shiree Brockie
- Sue Williams
- Tracey Peterson
- Sheelah Stevens

All have met the requirements required for appointment and been approved by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

Dogs NZ EC endorsement for the following to be appointed onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Novice Container Panel is sought:

- Amerillis Farmer (Gisborne)
- Christine Nielsen (Paeroa)

All have met the requirements required for appointment and been approved by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

Moved JB seconded KB – Approved

The E.C discussed and noted the Scent Wok Committee Report. The E.C noted their desire that Scent Work remain as a separate discipline rather than incorporated into Obedience Committee. Discussion re separate cost Centre.

Moved: AB, Seconded: PJ - adopted  
Report Received

### **CGC Verbal report by AB**

Assessor appointments / major revamps of the programme underway. President / DS / AB / Chair to meet to discuss how to progress the revamp.

### **BREED STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (MH).

The committee met by Teleconference.

#### **1. Chihuahua**

A request has been received to allow the registration of imported dogs with mixed coat parents. In addition, there is also a request to allow the interbreeding of Long Coat and Smooth Coat Chihuahuas in New Zealand.

This matter has been considered several times before, however there is new evidence presented this time including:

- Genetic Information from the UK regarding the health and diversity of the breed
- The dramatic fall off of Registrations of Smooth Coats
- The definition adopted in the UK that this is an "inter-variety" breeding rather than "inter-breed" This would put us into line with many other breeds in New Zealand.
- New Zealand is one of only three countries in the world that does not allow the interbreeding of coats, the other two being South Africa and Portugal.

Prior to considering this matter the committee sought input from the three New Zealand Chihuahua Clubs as to their view. Two of the Clubs (Dominion and Central) fully supported the Registration of Imported dogs from mixed coat breeding as well as inter-variety mating's in New Zealand. One Club (Auckland) agreed with the registration of Imported Dogs but did not agree with inter-variety mating's.

#### **Recommendation 1**

That Dogs New Zealand allow the Registration of Imported dogs containing mixed coats in their parentage.

**Recommendation 2**

That Dogs New Zealand allow the inter-variety matings of long and short coat Chihuahuas in New Zealand.

**Recommendation 3**

That appropriate Registration Regulations be drafted to allow this to happen.

**Recommendation 4**

That the Canine Health and Welfare Committee be requested for their views on these recommendations to ensure that the scientific evidence is robust. NOT AGREED- DELETED

**Recommendation 5**

That these recommendations be published in the Dog World for any further submissions from breeders and individuals.

Moved BH: – approved 1-3 & 5 declined 4

**2. Weimaraner**

A submission has been received from The Weimaraner Club about Blue Weimaraners. The current Breed Standard states “Any other colour, including blue, highly undesirable”.

The Club has requested that this sentence be removed on the basis that Blue is detrimental to the breed and that the previous Standard did not mention Blue at all.

The Standard used in New Zealand is The Kennel Club Standard and this has the exact same wording that we have in our Standard in relation the colour Blue. This Standard was changed in 2016 (Not 2018 as submitted) and at the time this was advertised in The Kennel Gazette for submissions. The change was made as The Kennel Club changed their Standard and the committee at the time specifically noted that “This change emphasises that the colour Blue is highly undesirable.”

The FCI standard does not mention Blue in the body of the Standard but under Disqualifying Faults it does have “Colour other than grey. Blue colouring.”

The committee felt that talking these words out could have the opposite effect to that the Weimaraner Club is hoping for.

**Recommendation 6**

That no change to the Weimaraner Standard be made.

**Recommendation 7**

That no Registrations for any Weimaraner designated as Blue be made

**Recommendation 8**

That the Weimaraner Club be notified of this decision and the reasons why.

Moved: SM, Seconded: CM – approved

**3. German Wirehaired Pointer/Deutsch Drahthaar**

A submission has been received from Helen McCauley-Grant requesting that the Deutsch Drahthaar be recognised as a separate breed to the German Wirehaired Pointer.

It should be noted that Helen is not a member of Dogs NZ and that there has been no supporting documentation from any Dogs NZ member. Normally according to our current protocols this would not be considered however given the detail of the submission and the fact that she claims to represent a group of individuals we have agreed to look at this.

A second part of the submission which falls outside this committee's mandate is to support the creation of a Deutsch Drahthaar Club in New Zealand. We refer this back to the Executive Council for their consideration.

As a background the current breed we recognise is the German Wirehaired Pointer and the Standard, which is used differs from The Kennel Club Standard, the FCI Standard and the AKC Standard. The ANKC use the FCI Standard.

FCI Standard No. 98 is the Standard used for the Deutsch Drahthaar and the official FCI Translation refers to this breed as the German Wire-haired Pointing Dog.

From this committee's point of view we cannot recognise the Deutsch Drahthaar as a separate breed when even the FCI themselves recognise this breed as the German Wirehaired Pointer.

They are one and the same from a breed standards point of view, despite the submissions made to the contrary.

**Recommendation 9**

That the submission to recognise the Deutsch Drahthaar as a separate breed be declined.

**Recommendation 10**

That the Dogs NZ members breeding the German Wirehaired Pointer be asked to consider adopting the FCI Standard which would bring our Standard in line with the ANKC.

**Recommendation 11**

That a notice be placed in the Dog World calling for submissions from interested parties.

Moved: PJ, Seconded: STT- approved

The E.C discussed and noted the Breed Standards Committee Report.

Report Received

**NZDJA CHAIR REPORT**

Report provided by Ray Greer (RG).

**COMMITTEE & MEETINGS:**

There is little to report on committee matters since last report. Whilst we continue to ZOOM full or mini meetings the board has not met f2f since my last report, the next being scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April before our CHCH seminar.

**REGULATIONS:**

As flagged in my last report our current COVID regulations are up for review with effect by November of this year with some components of those regulations needing consideration well before that date. With the current regulations we have been widely criticised for not consulting and we intend circulating a survey looking for guidelines on certain areas.

What is certain as far as NZDJA is concerned is with the 2 intakes per year the workload and the costs are unsustainable. We will have to extract what did and what didn't work well and see what we come up with. COVID has changed things and a lot of lives throughout our society and our association is not exempt from that.



#### NZ JUDGES:

It is disappointing that we have had too many letters and conversations of concerns about the "behaviour" of our judges at our shows. Given the spotlight that they now operate under this was not too unexpected, but the volume of commentary is. Prior to the COVID regulations the uptake of NZ judges was as less than 10%...something that this association were taking steps to address...but when the borders open again this 10% will almost totally dry up. Again, this situation will have to be addressed somewhere along the line as our current and new regulations will require certain number of dogs/appointment to proceed.

#### EXAMINATIONS:

The first intake for 2021 was high as indicated in my last report.

The pass rate for the practical again was high, so we would have put more judges into the system than normal. The second intake for this year will result in a very high number of new groupers to the system. At the time of writing this report the numbers for intake no. 2 are not at hand as closing date has not been reached.

#### JMO (Judges Breed Observation)

This initiative will be again presented to the judges at the CHCH and Auckland seminars. Our timeframe has slipped a little, but this is of little consequence in comparison to getting it right and accepted across the board. That side of the JMO has progressed well and we have trialled at shows where our board have judged to consider the time to written work and how best this reaches back to a central point.

We are running two, two day seminars to present JBO and other subjects. The board does not undertake such activities often, with the uptake for the CHCH one is disappointing whilst the Auckland is slightly better.

#### GENERAL:

I cannot stress too much how the much the COVID regulations has had an impact on the workload of the association. It is our intention to take out remove the best of the COVID regs at review time, with the resulting workload being of prime consideration. Our new constitution and voting across the board for all positions is nearly upon us, with initial reports indicating challenges for most positions on the board.

The E.C discussed and noted the NZDJA Report.

There was discussion on level of NZ judge's appointments after COVID and E.C. look forward to receiving recommendation on any required regulation changes to support the appointment of NZ Judges for future shows.

E.C. discussion the invoiced received for expenses of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judges exam which had not been agreed by E.C. The invoice is to be returned with request for invoice for JBO grant of \$3K

Moved: STT; Seconded: PJ - carried  
Report Received

#### **FORRESTER PARK REPORT**

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (AM).

1. A preliminary approach to the Forbury Park Trotting Club regarding a possible conversation around looking at a joint move to a greenfield site following the announcement of the club vacating Forbury Park & moving elsewhere was not positively received.
2. The cleaning of the creek by the DCC is about to start. They will dump the fill in a corner of the park to drain before it is removed from the grounds. The area they are proposing on putting the spoil will have a very minor effect on the use of the park.
3. FPMC are very disappointed to lose the support of the Otago/Southland Cavalier Club after them moving their Queens Birthday Show from FP & relocating to the Gore Club venue. It is especially disappointing as they had refused to contemplate changing their date for 2021 so the Poultry Club could hold their South Island Championship show over that weekend.

The E.C discussed and noted the Forrester Park report.

Moved: DH; Seconded: CM - carried  
Report Received

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Crufts 2022**

Qualifications for entry to Crufts 2022 will be the winners of Junior Dog & Bitch and FCI shows CACIB: Dog / Bitch.

Moved: ST Seconded: DH - agreed

### **Weimaraner Long Coat Registration**

The E.C. discussed the request from the Weimaraner Club.

- That the registration requirements for 3 x judges to sign verification form for Long Coats remains.

Moved: JB /Seconded: TN – agreed

### **Vote on the possible Sale of Porirua Exhibition Centre Membership Communications**

The E C discussed the draft FAQ document developed by LS and PJ. Key communication schedule for week 3 – 7 May is:

- Monday – Dog iE news: President letter + docs
- Tuesday: Letter / FAQ to Club Secs / Life members
- Thursday: Dog iE news: Letter / FAQ – lead article

TN will send to Director Secretary a contact name for Harcourt agent to produce a market commercial appraisal report.

### **Recording Aggressive Dogs at Shows – Agility**

Agility to rewrite regulations to deal with considering aggressive dogs issues at shows before reports sent to Dogs NZ for dogs on report.

### **Ardmore Exhibition Centre**

Complaint received regarding Anzac Day agility show activity at venue. The E.C. expressed a vote of thanks for donation from members R & C Ellis for the new equipment shed project.

### **Canine Health & Welfare**

LS recommended that the E.C. investigate WAEC and will provide the President, Obedience and Agility EC reps with information– Placed on next July meeting agenda.

### **Show Schedule Review**

The E.C. will conduct a formal review of the current schedule restrictions in September with any change starting 1 April 2022.

<b>8. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS</b>
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BH thanked the E.C for this weekend's meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2021/2022 term)**

18 June 2021, The Brentwood Hotel, Wellington  
19 June 2021, ACOD  
20 June 2021, Joint Meeting: E.C, Obedience & Agility Committee's  
24-25 July (Wgtn) and 11 -12 September 2021 (Wgtn)  
20-21 November 2021 CHCH

BH closed the meeting at 11.25pm on 2 May 2021.