



**Minutes of the Executive Council meeting**

**Held on 18 June 2021**

**At the Brentwood Hotel  
14 Kemp Street  
Kilbirnie  
Wellington**

## 1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

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

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

### STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary  
Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator  
Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer

### APOLOGIES

Stephen Meredith (SM)

### WELCOME

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

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The E.C adopted the agenda.

Moved: BH – Adopted

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The E.C noted the Conflicts of Interest register.

### EMAIL VOTES

Four recent email votes:

1. Approval for promotion to aspiring / open panel promotions & practical / special breed examinations May 2021.
2. Approval for promotion to junior showman panel May 2021.
3. Approval for promotion to aspiring / open panel promotions & practical / special breed examinations May 2021; and
4. Approval for junior showman exam applications June 2021.

Moved: STT, Seconded: KB – Adopted

### DECEASED MEMBERS

The E.C noted the list of deceased members; Karen Fiskén (Rotorua), Trevor Warman (Kaiapoi), Phil Bishop (Dunedin), Jim Broadbent (Kerikeri), Phil Kersey (Waipukurau), Gary Shepherd (Auckland), Cees Zaalberg (Nelson).

### MAY 2021 / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 1-2 May 2021 meeting minutes.

Moved: KB; Seconded: STT – Adopted

**MATTERS ARISING****Life Membership Nominations**

CM requested those that nominated unsuccessful candidates get notified of the outcome.  
Action ST.

**Application from Jordan Coulson**

ST noted that he intends to invite Jordan to the September 2021 E.C meeting.

**Outstanding Actions from Minutes:****Amendment to Show Regulations**

ST advised that "Definition 1.1" has not yet being updated because we are awaiting legal opinion.

Moved: KB; Seconded: CM – Adopted

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| <b>2. FINANCE</b> |
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**FINANCE UPDATE****Treasurer's Report**

- **31 May 2021**

Report provided by Clive Phillips (CP).

CP was present for this item and spoke to his report.

**TIMING ISSUES MASK A GOOD START TO THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR****May – Modest surplus for month – Timing issues masks sound operational result for May.**

May Actual Revenue **(\$22k)** unfavourable compared to Budget. Dogs NZ head office **(\$21k)** was responsible for most of the monthly revenue shortfall. AEC and the Gazette also recorded unfavourable revenue against budget for the month with **(\$3.8k)** and **(\$1.6k)** respectively. The other activities all recorded modest favourable revenue income in May compared to budget.

Dogs NZ head office May result was adversely impacted by a timing issue. During budget preparation Purina agreed to provide an additional \$30k sponsorship this financial year which was budgeted to be received in May. The additional sponsorship revenue should appear in the June actual accounts.

A shortfall in donation income identified to part fund one of this year's projects accounts for the AEC revenue shortfall. Gazette advertising both member and non-member plus Schedule income were all less than budget for May.

May Actual Expenditure unfavourable compared to budget by **(\$5k)**. Dogs NZ head office and AEC were unfavourable to budget by **(\$5.5k)** and **(\$11k)** respectively. The unfavourable Dogs NZ head office expense overrun is primarily due to ACOD costs recognised in May but budgeted for June. The unfavourable AEC expense overrun is solely due to R & M building costs recognised in May whereas the budget has these costs occurring in June. Therefore two more cases of timing issues adversely impacting the May monthly result.

All other activities recorded favourable expenditure compared to the May budget.

**Actual Income Unfavourable compared to budget by **(\$5.6k)** Year to Date.****Operations that Unfavourable compared to Budget Income for the Year.**

Dogs NZ head office **(\$7.7k)**, AEC **(\$0.9k)** and Wellington Property **(\$4.9k)**

Explanations for Dogs NZ head office and AEC are provided above in the May monthly results. The reason for the Wellington Property unfavourable revenue is due to a decision not to invoice the annual car parking fees pending a decision on the future of the building.

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

**Actual Expenditure Unfavourable compared to budget by (\$4.5k) Year to Date.**

**Operations Unfavourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD**

AEC (\$15.5k) is the only activity with actual expenditure unfavourable compared to budget ytd. As per the explanation above this is largely a timing difference.

**Balance Sheet REMAINS STRONG - Cash and Property rich**

**Total cash to end of May \$1,797k, up \$135k since end of last financial year (March 2021).**

**Summary of Group Financial Results: – Income minus Expenditure**

**Monthly Result: -** Surplus unfavourable compared to Budget and Last Year's Actual.

| March Month: - Income less Expenditure                     |          |           |                     |            |
|--|----------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| Actual   | Budget   | Last Year |                     |            |
| \$6,230  | \$33,178 | \$49,439  |                     |            |
| Year To Date:- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation |          |           | Full Year 2020-2021 |            |
| This Year  | Budget   | Last Year | Budget              | Forecast   |
| \$52,334   | \$62,463 | \$50,190  | (\$63,573)          | (\$73,703) |

**Actual YTD results:-**

- Unfavourable compared to Budget By: - (\$10,130)

- Marginally Favourable compared to Last Year Actual By: - \$2,044

### **Registry Activity**

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

|                     | <b>Analysis YTD May 2021</b> |              |     |               |               |      |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----|---------------|---------------|------|
|                     | <b>Number</b>                |              |     | <b>Income</b> |               |      |
|                     | <b>2021</b>                  | <b>2020</b>  |     | <b>2021</b>   | <b>2020</b>   |      |
| Litter Notification | 344                          | 337          | 2%  | 11,956        | 11,866        | 1%   |
| Registrations       | 1,651                        | 1,017        | 62% | 44,518        | 35,817        | 24%  |
| Transfers           | 1,234                        | 684          | 80% | 21,996        | 16,191        | 36%  |
| Imports             | 50                           | 40           | 25% | 4,400         | 4,117         | 7%   |
| Exports             | 29                           | 17           | 71% | 2,383         | 1,183         | 101% |
| Overall Total       | <u>3,308</u>                 | <u>2,095</u> | 58% | <u>85,253</u> | <u>69,174</u> | 23%  |

The correlation between financial amounts and numeric statistics is unfortunately not strong. The above table reflects trends between current year and previous year for financial amounts and then separately for numeric statistics.

The way the information is currently recorded there are too many variables to establish a meaningful link between activity numbers and Income. The above table does however provide a useful comparison between current and prior year.

CP spoke to the Treasurer's report and Accounts as at 31 May 2021 noting Auckland has made good progress and everything is going according to plan. Overall, things are looking positive.

The E.C discussed and noted the financial reports as at 31 May 2021.

Moved: JB; Seconded: LS – Report Adopted

### **3. IMPORTANT ITEMS**

#### **RELOCATION OF OFFICE DECISION AND RELOCATION BUDGET**

The Director Secretary (ST) presented a report and recommendations on the relocation of the national Office. E.C. discussed the report and the following recommendation was moved:

“The President and Director Secretary seek Executive Council along with Audit and Risk approval to enter into lease negotiations for Unit 6/1 Hagley with the right to enter into a 3-year lease with right of renewal and first right of refusal to purchase the current unit titles”.

Moved: LS; Seconded: KB – approved

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#### **POTENTIAL SALE STRUCTURE DISCUSSION AND AGENT PROPOSALS**

The Director Secretary (ST) presented a report on the potential sale of 11 Prosser Street and proposals from commercial agents.

The E.C noted TN's conflict of interest regarding agent's proposals.

The E.C discussed the report and proposals and put a motion on the table that:

“Subject to the vote at ACOD the preferred agent to use for the sale of Prosser St is Bayleys. On agreement to sell the property at ACOD, the Director Secretary and Treasurer will move on the sale of the building as soon as possible.”

Moved: STT; Seconded: KB – Report Adopted

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### **4. ACOD PRESENTATIONS**

#### **FINANCIAL / CAPEX PRESENTATION**

Presentation by Steven Thompson (ST).

ST spoke to the Dogs NZ ACOD Financial presentation.

The E.C discussed the Financial / Capex presentation and made minor amendments (delete last graph slide).

ST stated that on behalf of all Dogs NZ staff, he personally thanked the E.C for their calm and sound governance during the 2020/2021 financial year.

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## **RECOMMENDATION FOR SALE VOTE PRESENTATION**

Presentation by Steve Tate (STT).

BH touched on ACOD in terms of seating. The E.C will start at head table then the E.C voting delegates will join the floor for recommendations.

STT spoke to his 2021 ACOD Recommendation 1 – the sale of the building and land situated at 11 Prosser Street, Porirua presentation.

The E.C discussed the Recommendation for Sale Vote presentation and made minor amendments.

The E.C then discussed and agreed on the following amendment,

“Any income from the sale of 11 Prosser Street is to be held in a managed fund until there is a firm proposition in place with the intent to purchase and /or secure a suitable replacement venue in the Lower north Island”.

Moved: CM; Seconded: LS – approved

STT presents the recommendation and CM will present the amendment.

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## **10 YEAR STRATEGY PRESENTATION**

Presentation by Steven Thompson (ST).

ST spoke to the Dogs NZ Strategy 2021-2030 - An Overview presentation which will feature Martin Hewitt (Chair of Strategy Committee) & Miranda Stevens (Purina).

The E.C discussed the 10-Year Strategy presentation.

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| <b>5. REGULATIONS</b> |
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## **AGILITY REGULATIONS**

Report provided by Chris Richardson (CR).

The Agility Committee have a couple of regulations that need to be ratified. Most of these are just a bit of tidy up.

The text in red is newly added wording, the crossed-out stuff is deleted, and the green highlight is just notes/rationale.

Because of the deletions and alterations to a couple of the clauses, numbering across entire sections has also been adjusted, however I haven't put that in this document, but has been corrected in the master copy, which assuming these changes are accepted by EC, I will supply an updated copy of our full master regulations.

### **3.1.10 Notice of Meetings**

At least three weeks' notice of all Agility Committee meetings ~~together with an agenda for such meetings~~ shall be given to all committee members. **Agendas for face-to-face meetings shall be distributed to committee members at least 3 days prior to commencement of the meeting. Agendas for online meetings are not required but may be distributed where necessary prior to the meeting.**

### **3.2.2, 4.2.3 – DNZAC**

#### **7.7.5 Date and Time of Examination**

The Agility Committee shall set dates for the examination, which shall be ~~held~~ **made available at least** twice a year. The Agility Committee will appoint suitable independent members of NZKC to act as coordinator and to supervise the examinations. The location of the examinations will be agreed by the coordinator and the examinee. **The date of the exams shall be put into the agility event calendar.**

#### **7.7.6 Permission to Sit Examination**

Any person who has been approved by the Agility Committee to be appointed to the Agility Trainee Panel can sit the examination. **Applicants shall apply to the Agility Committee in writing to sit the next available exam.**

*Entire section was missing from regulations in the previous copy of master regulations.*

### **11.4 AD and ADX Classes**

#### **11.4.1 Definition**

An AD Class is a set class offering a Clear Round Certificate which can be used to qualify a dog for an AD or ADX award. An ADX Class is a set class offering a Clear Round Certificate which can be used to qualify a dog for an ADX award.

#### **11.4.2 AD Class Courses**

##### **11.4.2.1 Approval of Courses**

The Agility Committee will approve twelve official AD Courses.

##### **11.4.2.2 Selection of Courses**

The officiating judge will choose one course from the official approved AD courses at random before the course is set out. In the case of ring or venue restrictions or due to unavailability of equipment, unsuitable courses may be removed prior to a course being chosen.

##### **11.4.2.3 Course Set Up**

The officiating judge will ensure the course as set up conforms to the specifications.

##### **11.4.2.4 Obstacles Approved for Use in AD Classes**

AD classes must include a set of 12 weaving poles and a minimum of three of the following obstacles: Dog Walk, A-Frame, Crossover Ramp, See-Saw. AD classes may include other obstacles detailed in Agility Regulations 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4.

##### **11.4.2.5 Rate of travel.**

The rate of travel required for AD is 2.5 m/s.

### **16.5 Rates of Travel**

The rate of travel of the dog for the purposes of qualifying certificates must be as specified.

#### **16.5.1 Gamblers, Snooker and Blackjack.**

Rate of travel (minimum) is 2.5 m/s (Grade C), 2.75 m/s (Grade B) and 3 m/s (Grade A)

#### **16.5.2 Jumpers pairs.**

Rate of travel (minimum) is 2.75 m/s (Grade C), 3.25 m/s (Grade B) and 3.75 m/s (Grade A)

### **17.3.2. Obstacles to be used.**

**17.3.2.1 Grade C.** Standard Obstacles defined in clause 12.2 to be used. In a Grade C Jumpers pairs course each dog must negotiate between 8 -10 obstacles. ~~Grade C Jumpers pairs course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 2.75 and 3.25 metres per second~~

**17.3.2.2 Grade B.** Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2 to be used. . In a Grade B Jumpers pairs course each dog must negotiate between 10-12 obstacles. ~~Grade B Jumpers pairs course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 3.25 and 3.75 metres per second~~

**17.3.2.3. Grade A.** Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2 to be used. In addition further obstacles defined in clause 12.4.1 and 12.6 may also be used. In a Grade A Jumpers pairs course each dog must negotiate between 12-15 obstacles. ~~Grade A Jumpers pairs course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 3.5 and 4 metres per second~~

### **17.3.3. Rates of Travel.**

**17.3.3.1 Grade C.** Grade C Jumpers pairs course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 2.75 and 3.25 metres per second

**17.3.3.2 Grade B.** Grade B Jumpers pairs course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 3.25 and 3.75 metres per second

**17.3.3.3. Grade A.** Grade A Jumpers pairs course times must be calculated at a rate of travel of between 3.5 and 4 metres per second

*All sections following this have subsequently been renumbered and corrected in the contents. The follow regs are just re-worded to include the use of the spread jump in Jumpers B, and to make the wording consistent with other wording around obstacles that can be used.*

### **15.1.2 Grade B**

#### **15.1.2.1 Eligibility to Enter**

Open to all dogs that have met the graduation criteria as detailed in 15.2.1 below and not yet met the graduation criteria as detailed in 15.2.2.

#### **15.1.2.2 Obstacles**

Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2 ~~and 12.6~~ to be used. However, no weaves are to be used in Jumpers classes. *In addition, further obstacles defined in clause 12.5 may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge.*

### **14.1.3 Novice**

#### **14.1.3.1 Eligibility to Enter**

Open to all except Senior qualified dogs.

#### **14.1.3.2 Obstacles**

Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2, 12.3 ~~and 12.6~~ to be used. *In addition, further obstacles defined in clause 12.5 may be used with prior approval of the officiating judge.* Weave poles, if used must be an even number from 6-12.

#### **14.1.3.3 Number of Obstacles**

Courses for Novice classes must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 18 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

#### **14.1.3.4. Rate of travel.**

The standard course time for Novice will be calculated using 2.5m/s as the minimum rate of travel.

### **14.1.4 Intermediate**



**14.1.4.1 Eligibility to Enter**

Open to all dogs except dogs eligible to enter Starters.

**14.1.4.2 Obstacles**

Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 to be used. In addition, further obstacles defined in clause 12.65 may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge. Weave poles, if used, must be an even number from 6-12.

**14.1.4.3 Number of Obstacles**

Courses for Intermediate classes must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 20 numbered standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.

**14.1.4.4. Rate of travel.**

The standard course time for Intermediate will be calculated using 2.75m/s as the **minimum rate of travel**.

**14.1.5 Senior****14.1.5.1 Eligibility to Enter**

Open to all dogs that have achieved the requisite win and/or points requirement (as detailed in 14.2 below) in Novice and/or Intermediate classes at recognised Agility Events.

**14.1.5.2 Obstacles**

Standard obstacles defined in clauses 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 to be used. In addition, further obstacles defined in clause 12.65 may be used with the prior approval of the officiating judge. Weave poles, if used, must be an even number from 6-12.

**14.1.5.3 Number of Obstacles**

Courses for Senior classes must comprise a minimum of 15 and maximum of 25 numbered **standard obstacles. All obstacles must be numbered and run in sequence.**

PJ spoke to the Agility Regulation amendments.

The E.C discussed and moved the report.

Moved: PJ, Seconded: KB – approved  
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| <b>6. COMPLAINTS/DISPUTES</b> |
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**SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES (DECISION REQUIRED)**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST) was discussed and recommendation of kennel name suspension was approved. .

Moved: KB, Seconded; STT – approved  
Report Received

**DISPUTES UPDATE REPORT**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST) was discussed by E.C.

Report Received

**CH&W CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES**

Report provided by Lauren James (LJ) was discussed by E.C.

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**PROPOSAL FOR BREEDERS' CODE OF CONDUCT DISPENSATION FEE**

Report provided by Lauren James (LJ).

**Background:**

The Breeders' Code of Ethics came into effect on 1 January 2016. The name of the Code was later amended to "Breeders' Code of Conduct" and over time the wording of some of the specific practices has been amended. With effect from 1 May 2019 penalties and conditions were imposed.

There are four practices which require dispensation from the Canine Health & Welfare Committee prior to the date of mating:

1. I will not breed from a bitch aged eight years and over at whelping except where a veterinarian has certified the fitness of the bitch for the mating and has provided a certificate of that opinion that is dated prior to the date of mating. Dispensation must then be applied for and approved by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee also prior to the date of mating.
2. I will not breed more than two litters from the same bitch within 18 months except where a veterinarian has certified the fitness of the bitch for the mating and has provided a certificate of that opinion that is dated prior to the date of mating. A 12 month "rest" period should follow the 3rd litter. Dispensation must then be applied for and approved by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee also prior to the date of mating. A 12 month "rest" period should follow the 3rd litter.
3. I will not breed more than four litters from the same bitch except where a veterinarian has certified the fitness of the bitch for mating and has provided a certificate of that opinion that is dated prior to the date of mating. There will be no more than six litters from one bitch in her lifetime, with no exceptions. Dispensation must then be applied for and approved by the Health & Welfare Committee also prior to the date of mating. There will be no more than six litters from one bitch in her lifetime, with no exceptions.
4. I will not mate a bitch in cases where she has previously had three (3) caesarean sections except where a veterinarian has certified the fitness of the bitch for the mating and has provided a certificate of that opinion that is dated prior to the date of mating. Dispensation must then be applied for and approved by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee also prior to the date of mating.

**Rationale**

I believe that it is timely to consider charging a service fee for these dispensations to cover the cost of staff time in processing a dispensation. Imposing a service fee would bring the process in line with other Registry Services. The fee recommended.

Seven requests for dispensation were received in 2019 (eight months), 46 requests were received in 2020, and 11 requests received to date in 2021. The requests for dispensation were in respect of practices 1, 2, and 3.

**Recommendation to Executive Council**

There is provision in the Registration Regulations to charge an administration fee.

Registration Regulation 3.5 states "*The Director/Secretary may charge an additional administration fee on any individual application where additional processing is required by the Registry*".

The E.C discussed and agreed to the following:

**The application fee recommended for a Breeders' Code of Conduct Dispensation is \$70.00 (+ GST in).**

Moved: STT, Seconded; PJ – approved

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| <b>7. OFFICE REPORTS (READ ONLY)</b> |
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## **DIRECTOR SECRETARY REPORT**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

ST spoke to the Director Secretary report.

### **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 10-year goals.

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

The new Puppy Owners Edm has been launched and our focus is now on the Club Tool Kit project. The current work programme includes design & production of:

- Website / Social Media / Print marketing template collateral (hosted on the POS website)
- Club Marketing Basic Handbook (DNZ website)
- Club Show Training Handbook (DNZ website)
- Club Administration Training Handbook (DNZ website)
- Redesign of Dogs NZ Club Web Pages

We are also developing with Purina a new exhibition stand which will promote pedigree dogs and join clubs to participate in confirmation / agility / obedience dog sports.

#### **Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training**

The new stand promoting CGC/CGB was displayed at the Christchurch Pet Expo in May and will be used with the pedigree dog / sports display at the Auckland & Wellington pet expos.

Focus is now on the addition of DPS payment system to the Dog Training Registration programme and its roll-out to the training clubs.

Planning work has started on the Puppy Training Packs in partnership with Purina which we roll out to clubs conducting CGC /CGB programmes in the second half of the year.

#### **Strategic Priority: Registry Development**

The Registry – IT team is working to the following list of development priorities:

##### **Priority One: Online Litter / Dog Registrations**

- Completing a series of patches & fixes identified since the launch of the online service.
- Sue Conner has identified some minor regulation changes that are required for the smooth functioning of the Online Registry and these recommendations will be presented to the July Executive Council meeting.

##### **Priority Two: Online Semen & Dog Transfers**

- Development work will be completed by July with service launch to members in August (via NZ Dog World & Dog-iE news).

### **Priority Three: Canine Health**

- Work on the Judges Breed Guidance scheme will be completed by the end of June.

### **Priority Four: Online Show Programme**

- Planning for the FCI Show programme has been completed and development of the show programme will start at the end June.
- It is estimated that the development project will take 8-12 weeks to be completed.

Work on reviewing and automating our membership services will not start until after the FCI Show Programme work has been completed. Also scheduled for the second half of FY 2021-22 is making health tests available for all pedigree searches.

### **Future Investment in Registry Platform**

With recent work building the online registry system we have realised that we have now reached the end of potential development that we can achieve on the current registry platform.

This platform was developed in the late 2000's and had noticeable limitations when launched. The platform software is no longer supported (causing issues when we recently replaced our servers) and is now the major limitation in the next stage of registry improvements we would like to make.

We now face a strategic choice that can continue to use our web interface to make "fixes" around our limited registry platform or we could decide that it time to invest in building a new platform that would better position us for growth if the opportunity to be involved in any future national registry presents its self.

The management of this project can be the focus of any reconstituted IT Sub-Committee of Executive Council.

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

Four local government bodies lead by the Porirua City Council are presenting a discussion remit to the local government conference in July asking for Government to provide s stronger suite of measures to promote responsible dog breeding. The remit is to promote responsible dog breeding and make it more difficult for breeders who have little experience or concern for animal welfare engaging in a backyard money-making business.

In our discussion with both NAWAC and NZIAM they have made it clear that while they have a view that they are in favour of more regulation regarding "back yard breeders" they will not be leading any push for legislation.

Any proposal for breeder legislation is likely to be via the Dog Control Act which is administered by a policy group in the Department of Internal Affairs. I have arranged a meeting with Richard Hardie who is the Team leader of the policy group responsible for Dog Control to signal our interest in being involved in any future discussion regarding the legislation of dog breeding.

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

### **NZ Kennel Gazette Ltd**

To have the NZ Kennel Gazette reregistered as a company we have to provide to the Companies Register a letter with the compelling reasons why the company should be registered.

Both the Treasurer and I are struggling to complete the letter as we believe there is no compelling financial or legal reasons why the Gazette should be a registered company. The NZ Kennel Gazette was formed into a limited liability Company in the early 1960's when the production and distribution of the Gazette was outsourced from the National Office to a Napier Printing company.

We seek guidance from Council on what are the compelling legal and financial reasons we should list in our application to reinstate the NZ Kennel Gazette as a limited liability Company.

Moved: KB; Seconded: CM - carried  
Report Received

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

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

a. *NAWAC Societal Cost Benefit Analysis Tool – Animals in Entertainment, Encounter & Exhibition*  
No further update

b. *Respiratory Function Grading Scheme*

We continue to wait for the Kennel Club to provide resources for our Chief Assessors to train, as does every other country who has signed up to the scheme. I have attempted to get Kat Crosse's approval fast-tracked because she has already spent time at Cambridge University, but the KC wishes the rollout to each country to be in parallel, so we continue to wait.

Pug owners have again 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."

c. *LRLs*

### Staffordshire Bull Terrier

A meeting to discuss LRLs has been requested in Auckland and the date for this has yet to be set.

### German Shepherd

Submissions have been received and CHWC is considering these with the view to update proposed RRs.

### Samoyed

Proposed RRs have been received and will be disseminated to the CHWC for review.

### Bouvier

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

Submissions have been received and CHWC is considering these with the view to update proposed RRs.

### Dachshund

We have received a letter from the Canterbury Dachshund Club proposing an LRL for the breed.

d. *Stakeholder engagement*

### Companion Animal NZ

Director Secretary proposed to CANZ that I present at the next conference on the RFG Scheme. The theme is 'a good life' which will fit nicely.

The E.C discussed if LRL's now achieving what Accredited Breeders' Scheme (ABS) was set up to do? The E.C noted that a review of the ABS should be a focus for the new CH&W Committee.

Moved: STT; Seconder: PJ – carried

Information only – Report Received

**DOGS ON REPORT MARCH 2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

There have been another 4 dogs added this month. Will report more fully for next meeting those who have completed their observations or continuing with their observations.

**SPR CH MARTYN BIG BAD WOLF 00424-2016 Doberman owned by M Armit**

This male Dobermann has been placed on 2-month suspension after it was involved in an incident outside the ring with another dog at Tokoroa Dog Training Club's Agility Ribbon Trial on 16 May 2021.

**COOPER PANDA-KNOW-ME-IN OB/8292 Border Collie owned by K Pierson**

This male Border Collie is on observation after it showed aggression towards another dog whilst doing practice jumps in the Jumpers A ring at Dog Agility Wellington Group's Championship Agility Event on 11 April 2021.

**TARRARAY ALLISON NUMBER THREE (Imp-Aust) t2100550292 Belgian Shepherd (Tervueren owned by N Adams**

This female Belgian Shepherd (Tervueren) has been suspended from showing for 2 months after it was excused from the ring by the judge for aggression at West Coast Kennel Association's Championship show on 15 May 2021.

**SANDYRIDGE PERFECT CRIMINAL 03110-2020 Rhodesian Ridgeback owned by P Boyes**

This male Rhodesian Ridgeback has been suspended from showing for 2 months after it was excluded from Rotorua Kennel Association's championship show on 10 May 2021 after attempting to attack a Rottweiler and the handler of the Rottweiler stood between the two dogs and was bitten on the finger.

The E.C discussed how show managers implement the suspensions. TN noted Stewards should be included. PJ spoke about what happens in Agility. BH noted Clubs Disputes Committee should investigate immediately and they can rule. The Show Manager should do their jobs. Procedures need to be in place.

The E.C noted the Agility Committee will come back with a paper about dogs on report at agility events and how they will deal with them.

The E.C noted an education piece is to be published in Dog World / dogiE news about a Show Manager's role when incidents occur. NZDJA are also looking at this issue.

Report Received

**8. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS****OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE**

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

**1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings**

Last Dog Obedience Committee Meeting was held on 27 February in Wellington, with the next 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. Deputy Region Representative Appointments

Following the surprise resignation of Sue Bingham as the Deputy Central Region Representative, a request for nominations to fill this position for a one-year tenure was called for. Only one nomination was received, and Geoff Collins was duly appointed.

A formal resignation from the Deputy Southern Region Representative was received due to her impending move Northward, and a call for nominations for this appointment, for a one-year tenure, shall be placed in the June issue of the Dogs NZ Magazine.

## 3. April Voting Remits

As stated in the DOC Report for the May 2021 EC meeting, five remits were voted on from eligible Obedience members. These were:

- General:* ~ Change of name from Dog Obedience Committee to Dog Training Committee.
- Obedience:* ~ Alteration of CD Retrieve article.
- Working Trials:* ~ Dogs NZ Working Trials Long Jump Regulations.
- Rally-O:* ~ 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.

Voting for the General; Obedience and Working Trials all exceeded the required return of 66% to pass. The two remits for Rally-O failed.

## 4. August Discussion Papers.

As reported in the May 2021 DOC Report, there remains only one Discussion paper for distribution in August 2021.

This Discussion Papers concerns:

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

## 5. Judges Promotions and Appointments.

After fulfilling all the required pre-requests for promotion on the Rally-O Judges Panel, the following applications were electronically voted upon by the Dog Obedience Committee members in May 2021 and approved:

- Jan Walter onto the Rally-O Advanced Panel.
- Rosalind Walkington onto the Rally-O Advanced Panel.

Moved: AB; Seconded: CM - approved

Additionally, notification had been received from Dogs NZ that Elizabeth Wilkinson had completed her probationary appointments for appointment onto the Dogs NZ CD Panel.

This was subsequently endorsed by the Dog Obedience Committee.

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

Moved: AB Seconded: STT - adopted  
Report Received

## SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

### 1. Scent Work Committee Administration

Due to the international spread of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, administrative matters are largely conducted electronically. However, an inaugural face to face Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee meeting was able to be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> for those who attended an inaugural Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Wellington. These meetings were very graciously personally funded by those in attendance.

As this meeting feedback from the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges meeting, including the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual and Scent Work Regulations was received and discussed in preparation for the planned commencement of Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle Searches from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

Also discussed was the issue of endorsing Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors. Following discussion, it was decided to simply provide a listing of recommended Dogs NZ Scent Work Instructors rather than individual endorsements.

### 2. Scent Work Committee Voting

Since the last EC Meeting, two Scent Work matters were required to be voted upon. These were done electronically. These were:

- Amendments to Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations 9.6 to correct an anomaly regarding when timing started for a Scent Trial search. (Passed **unanimously**.)
- A request from the Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club to host a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial on 10<sup>th</sup> July. This application was however subsequently withdrawn.

### 3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations.

In addition to Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulation changes suggested as the result of feedback received from the inaugural Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges meeting and presented to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee the following day, all Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations requiring change or addition to enable the institution of Dogs NZ Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle Searches were presented to the Dogs NZ EC at their May meeting and endorsed.

As of June 1<sup>st</sup>. 2021, Dogs NZ Scent Work will incorporate Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle Searches as being Qualifying Scent Work Trials.

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

Thirteen of the then current sixteen Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges attended an extraordinarily successful and productive National Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Wellington, at their own expense.

At its conclusion, it was unanimously agreed that such a meeting should be held annually.

### 5. Appointment Of Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges

The following Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges were endorsed by the EC at their May meeting for appointment onto the Novice Interior, Exterior and Vehicle Panels.

- Arend van den Bos
- Jim Wyeth



- Jo Searle
- Karen Magorian
- Lyn Clearwater
- Maree Boreham
- Rob Peterson
- Shiree Brockie
- Sue Williams
- Tracey Peterson
- Sheelah Stevens

Two applications to become Dogs NZ Novice Container Scent Work Judges were endorsed by the EC at their May meeting. These being:

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

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2021, all further applications for First Appointment or Promotion must comply with the appropriate Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations. No further exemptions will be permitted.

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

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Manual has been reprinted to include the introduction of Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle.

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

On Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Wairarapa Dog Training Club hosted a highly successful Qualifying Dogs NZ Novice Container Scent Work Trial. This Scent Work Trial engendered fifty-two (52) entries of which twelve (12) were first time participants.

Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee have received (and approved) two further Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials, these being:

- Gisborne Dog Training Club on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- Canterbury Kennel Association 31<sup>st</sup> July/1<sup>st</sup> August.
- Taieri Dog Training Club 16/17 October.

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

["Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork"](#) workshops are planned for New Plymouth on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021, and Alexandra on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

At the time of writing this report, there are three hundred and thirty-seven persons currently listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register. An increase of nineteen persons since the last report. 77.74% are current Dogs NZ members.

The E.C discussed and noted the Scent Work Committee report. AB thanked the E.C for their support and requested Scent Work stay as a separate committee noting that is why it is flourishing.

BH thanked AB for driving Scent Work so successfully.

Moved: AB Seconded: KB - ratified  
Report Received

### **BREED STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (MH).

The committee met by email.

### **1. New Breeds**

The President has brought to our attention that there are four new breeds that have been recognised in Australia that we do not currently recognise here.

The policy has been to recognise here any breeds that are recognised in Australia.

The breeds we have been advised of are:

- Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer (FCI 320) - Gundogs
- Cirneco Dell'Etna (FCI 199) - Hounds
- Dachshund Kaninchen (FCI 148) - Hounds
- Tornjak (Bosnian and Herzegovinian - Croatian Shepherd Dog) (FCI 355) - Utility

The number after the name is the FCI Breed Standard Number. Also, the Group we would place it in is also noted.

All of these are straightforward except for the Dachshund Kaninchen which we will deal with separately.

For the Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer, Cirneco Dell'Etna and Tornjak:

#### **Recommendation 1**

That the Breeds be recognised by Dogs NZ.

#### **Recommendation 2**

That breeds be placed in the Group indicated above.

#### **Recommendation 3**

That the NZDJA be requested to conduct an Open Book examination for all judges who are qualified to judge the Group the new breeds are placed in.

### **2. Dachshund Kaninchen**

Currently we use the UK Standard for the Dachshund in New Zealand. We also weigh the Miniatures to ensure the correct size is being maintained.

Under FCI there are three sizes of Dachshund and they are measured from the highest point of the withers to the lowest point of the chest, the measurement is done when the dog is at least 15 months of age.

Kathleen Hardwick has made some enquiries with Bill Hardie, President of the NSW Dachshund Club who has said that

*"ANKC just informed the Dachshund Clubs that this variety (Kaninchen) was accepted.*

*The Clubs/Breeders had no input at all. He was not sure what would happen if they were entered at a show. As they have a size limitation, we would assume they should be measured and if they do not meet the required size then they should not be awarded any CC.*

*At the recent Easter Royal Show, they were listed but there were none entered."*

The committee feels that at this stage there are still too many unknowns about this breed and with none in the country there is not a huge amount of urgency.

#### **Recommendation 4**

That at this stage Dogs NZ delay recognising the Dachshund Kaninchen pending further information.

#### **Recommendation 5**

That the three Dachshund Clubs be requested to consider this and come back with their suggestions.

#### **Recommendation 6**

That the BSC consider this further once input from the Dachshund Clubs has been received.

Note: None of these recommendations will affect the exhibition of the Dachshunds at the FCI show in November as all 9 varieties will be exhibited under the FCI Standards.

Moved: JB; Seconded: CM - approved  
Report Received

#### **NZDJA CHAIR REPORT**

Report provided by Ray Greer (RG).

The association continues to run smoothly, albeit with a low fuel tank, with a record number of promotional or entry applications. Historically each year we receipt 25 to 28 applications, this year we have 110. Apart from the obvious workload, we are finding it difficult to operate without an "office" behind us.

We are having a change in secretary with Debbie Hull not standing and Robynne Trainor being elected unopposed. None of the executive positions of the board were challenged, with only the NI board positions being up for election. Thus there will be a high degree of continuity for at least the next 12 months.

At the time of the writing of this report the full impact of our COVID regulations are beginning to be felt. The shortened aspirants panel and the combined ribbon and open panels were designed to shorten the time on the open panel before group application. The clubs have decided to run their Championship shows and Open shows only with ribbon parades being almost entirely eliminated. This has resulted in after 6 months on the aspiring panel our new judges are able to judge open shows and are being asked to do so and perform beyond their ability. There has been considerable social media commentary to this effect as well as at some board members experience at their own shows. An aspirant after 6 months is simply not able to judge all groups at open shows and a BIS to boot. We were always of the opinion that there is no better training that hands on at the right level.

At our next f2f meeting we will look at our regulations beyond our current Covid ones.

Our two, two day seminars recently held in Christchurch and Auckland were a great success. The prime reason for these seminars was to introduce our JBO scheme and to announce our launch date of 10<sup>th</sup> July this year at the Kumeu Kennel Associations CH show. Both seminars were well attended with over 75 attendees in Auckland for the JBO presentation. The decision to have Karen McIntyre and vet Kirsty Wyllie at both venues was a stroke of good luck, and both were able to answer all questions from the floor satisfactorily. Our statistician in Lynley Drummond was in attendance at Christchurch but not in Auckland.

Other items on the agenda at these seminars were a PowerPoint presentation on Critiquing and our upcoming FCI shows, practical ring setting up and ring handling, as well as written and practical

examination learning and expectations. The association completely hosted both of these seminars, as we wanted to reconnect with our members especially give the effects of COVID.

Moved: KB; Seconded: CM - carried  
Report Received

### **CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE**

Report provided by Lucy Sandford-Reed (LSR).

The only decision to be made for CGC is the request to approve Arend van den Bos as a Committee Member.

This was recommended by the Committee at the meeting 16 May 2021.

The E.C discussed and approved Arend van den Bos's (AB) appointment.

Moved: JB Seconded: KB - approved

AB spoke on Lucy's behalf and noted Christine Neilson has resigned from the committee. AB commented on CGC Assessors and advised he is looking at the criteria to become one. AB noted the Pet & Animal Expo in Christchurch was successful and a number of enquiries were received.

ST thanked AB and the CGC Committee for manning the Dogs NZ stand at the Pet & Animal expo in Christchurch.

Moved: AB Seconded: JB - carried  
Report Received

### **RALLY-O**

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

AB spoke to his report.

The E.C discussed and BH noted due to a new Obedience Chair we will bring the paper back to the July 2021 meeting. The E.C also noted we will go out to Rally-O participants to get their feedback.

Moved: AB; Seconded: BH - carried  
Report Received

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| <b>9. GENERAL BUSINESS</b> |
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The E.C noted members of the Dogs NZ sub-committees. The E.C noted minor amendments.

LS noted the Breeder Hall of Fame qualifications are to be presented at the July 2021 meeting.

JB queried FCI Judges qualifications. National All Breeds Judge to International FCI All Breeds Judge.

JB queried YDS (purple mascot) corflute's. ST to follow up with Sue Connor.

KB thanked TN for stepping up to fill Clinton Hoeben's shoes. KB also thanked LS and AB for their time and knowledge.

ST advised the E.C of conversation with Leanne McPhail (Porirua City council) regarding detailed Seismic Assessment on 11 Prosser St. ST noted he will lodge the assessment with PCC on Monday and signs will be delivered to be displayed at 11 Prosser St.

BH mentioned FCI Shows in Auckland. BH advised he has spoken to Dianne Rogers, and she is more than happy to "run" the show. BH will keep the E.C informed.

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| <b>10. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS</b> |
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BH thanked the E.C for this meeting.

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

19 June 2021, ACOD

20 June 2021, Joint Meeting: E.C, Obedience & Agility Committee's

24-25 July 2021, Wellington

11-12 September 2021, Wellington

20-21 November 2021, Christchurch

BH closed the meeting at 4.22pm on 18 June 2021.