**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 14 August 2024** commencing at 2.00pm.

PARTICIPATION: L Brand K Hedberg BVSc

S Oliver G Spagnolo

A McIrath K Charnock (by Zoom)

R Privett (by Zoom) G Vernon
S McFadden S Mills
L Brown A Moy
C Rafton S Hannigan
J Bryson

IN ATTENDANCE: V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary

APOLOGIES: L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator), A Khamis

(Operations Manager), D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer)

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** the apologies be **accepted**.

**CARRIED** 

## A. Recording of Board Meeting

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** Directors **note** that, in accordance with the resolution of the Board at Item 5.1 of the Board of Directors meeting held on 8 December 2021, **this Board meeting is being recorded** for the purposes of confirmation of the Minutes and once confirmed at a future Meeting the recording will then be deleted.

**CARRIED** 

# IN CAMERA

## 1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A Moy

THAT the Minutes of the following Board Meetings, be confirmed:-

- 1.1 **Electronic Meeting 26/7/2024**
- 1.2 Electronic Motion 26/7/2024 Replace Airconditioning Units
- 1.3 **Electronic Motion 30/7/2024 Approval of Compensation Valuation Orchard Hills**

CARRIED

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# 2. PRIORITY MATTERS

# 2.1 Strategic Planning

## 2.1.1 Strategic Planning Report

### 2.1.1.1 Fast N Furious

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the motion passed at the Strategic Planning Meeting held earlier today, which reads as follows, be **endorsed**:-

**THAT** the innovation bubble around the Fast N Furious strategy that all current rules and regulations for the conduct of the event, in particular restricting distance and time for Judges, be granted dispensation.

**CARRIED** 

# 2.1.1.2 Regional Committee Events

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the motion passed at the Strategic Planning Meeting held earlier today, which reads as follows, be **endorsed**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW writes to each of the Regional Committees requesting they put forward a proposal of events they can run in their Region to promote all activities of DOGS NSW.

**CARRIED** 

## 2.1.2.3 Strategic Planning Working Party

MOVED L Brown SECONDED A McIlrath **THAT** the Strategic Planning Working Party be **reinstated**.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED L Brown **THAT** Mr Ross Sinclair be **nominated as Convenor**.

**CARRIED** 

### 2.2 Orchard Hills Lease

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## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

### 3.1 Executive Committee Decisions

## 3.2 Operations Manager's Report

(Refer Finance Minutes – Item 3.3, below)

#### 3.3 Finance Committee - 25/7/2024

### 3.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.1: Financial Statements as @ 30 June 2024

MOVED G Vernon

**SECONDED A Moy** 

THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the Financial Statements as @ 30 June 2024 be approved by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED** 

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown abstained

### 3.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.1: Draft 2025 Budget

Directors advised that they were unable to access the Draft 2025 Budget on the Directors OneDrive so it was agreed to defer this matter to later on in the meeting when the Company Secretary had emailed a copy to all Directors.

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 25 July 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown abstained

## 3.4 Compliance Investigative Panel

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

### 3.5 Judges Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

## 3.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report - July 2024

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A Moy

THAT the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for July 2024 be received.

**CARRIED** 

### 3.6.7 Serious Animal Welfare Committee – July 2024

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Serious Animal Welfare Committee meeting held In July 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED** 

K Charnock abstained

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### 3.7 Company Secretary's Report

# 3.7.5 Recommendation 5 – Item 1.5: DOGS NSW Delegate on the National Canine Grooming Committee

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Recommendations 5A, 5B & 5C, which read as follows, be approved:-

#### 3.7.5.1 Recommendation 5A

**THAT** Recommendation 5A, which reads as follows, be approved:-**THAT** the Board confirm the appointment of Director Angus McIlrath as DOGS NSW Delegate on the National Canine Grooming Committee.

#### 3.7.5.2 Recommendation 5B

**THAT** Recommendation 5B, which reads as follows, be approved:-**THAT** the Board convene a DOGS NSW Canine Grooming Working Party which will report to the Sporting Committee.

#### 3.7.5.3 Recommendation 5C

**THAT** Recommendation 5C, which reads as follows, be approved:-**THAT** the Board appoint Director Angus McIlrath as the Convenor of the DOGS NSW Canine Grooming Working Party and the membership be as follows:-

- Ms Kim Martin
- Mr Kazoo Skywalker
- Miss Christine Mougios
- Mrs Bettina Mougios

**CARRIED** 

A McIlrath abstained

## 3.7.7 Recommendation 7 - Item 1.7: Staff Members - Positive Feedback

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Board **notes** the positive feedback from DOGS NSW members, Ms Kim Reeder and Mrs Tricia Cutler for services received from staff and conveys its sincere thanks to all staff.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Company Secretary's Report be **received**.

**CARRIED** 

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## 4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

# 4.1 Five Dog Breeds You Should Never Take Home

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the news article headed "Five Dog Breeds You Should Never Take Home" be noted.

**CARRIED** 

## 4.2 Review of Regional Shows

Director S Mills **foreshadowed a motion** for the next meeting in respect of a review of Regional Shows and how and why they are conducted.

### 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

## 5.4 **Photographers Agreement**

(Refer Item 8.9.1-BOD Minutes 10/7/2024)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT**, for the 2024 Spring Fair only, the three (3) points listed below be **included in the Photographers Agreement**, ie, b, c & d, and then take on board MM issues as to other areas:-

- A Working with Children's Certificate.
- An active ABN.
- A certificate of currency for insurance in respect of public liability.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the other issues raised by the Honorary Solicitor, Mr Malcolm McDonald, be **REFERRED** to Photography Working Party for consideration.

**CARRIED** 

## 6. JUDICIAL MATTERS

# OPEN MEETING

## 7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

# 7.1 Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6-The Register & Registration – Additional Clause 8.16A – NBT Dobermans

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED R Privett

**THAT** a **Motion be forwarded to Dogs Australia** for inclusion on the Agenda for the October 2024 Board Meeting to amend Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6-The Register & Registration, Clause 8.16A to include an additional Clause, numbered 8.16A(i) as follows:-

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### 8.16A Dobermann

- 8.16A Effective 1<sup>st</sup> **January 2024**, any Dobermann born a Natural Bobtail will be eligible to be registered on the Limited Register only and flagged NOT TO BE UPGRADED **as they do not conform with the breed standard. (06/24)** 
  - (i) Any Dobermann born with a natural bob tail is considered to be carrying the TBox or C189g gene. The natural bob tail gene does not exist naturally in the Dobermann population.

**CARRIED** 

G Vernon abstained

Director R Privett suggested the inclusion of scientific references, ie, the ancestral mutation paper and Director K Hedberg BVSc agreed and will also seek advice from Prof Claire Wade.

# 7.2 DOGS NSW Regulations Part VII-Regions-Meetings, Office Bearers & Related Matters, Clause 1.3 – AMENDMENT

### 7.2.1 **MOTION 1**

MOVED R Privett

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VII-Regions-Meetings, Office Bearers & Related Matters: Office Bearers, Clause 1.3, which reads as follows:-

### Office Bearers

1.3 The Office Bearers of each Region shall be a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Show Secretary, a Secretary and Treasurer.

The position of Secretary and/or Treasurer may be held by the same person.

All Office Bearers must be financial Members of DOGS NSW.

# Be amended to read:-

# Office Bearers

1.3 The Office Bearers of each Region shall be a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Show Secretary, a Secretary and Treasurer.

The position of Secretary and/or Treasurer may be held by the same person.

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All Office Bearers must be financial Members of DOGS NSW and preferably reside in the Region for which they hold the position of Office Bearer.

CARRIED

L Brown, C Rafton, K Hedberg BVSc, K Charnock against

### 7.2.2 **MOTION 2**

MOVED S Oliver SECONDED A Moy **THAT** the Regional Committees Working Party be **reconvened**.

**CARRIED** 

Meeting recessed @ 4.17pm Meeting resumed @ 4.37pm

## 8. MONTHLY REPORTS

\*\*Monthly Reports received to date were distributed to Directors via the next Electronic Board Agenda with the following exceptions:-

## 8.1 Agility Committee - 29/7/2024

### 8.1.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates be approved.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 29 July 2024 be received.

**CARRIED** 

## 8.2 Agility Judges Committee -6/8/2024

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 6 August 2024 be received.

**CARRIED** 

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### 8.3 **Breed Standards Committee**

## 8.3.1 Meeting 19/6/2024

# 8.3.1.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Recognition of New Breed: Mini Fox Terrier

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the application for recognition of the new breed Mini Fox Terrier be **forwarded to Dogs Australia** National Breed Standards Co-ordination Group in line with prior protocol.

CARRIED

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Breed Standards Committee meeting held on 19 June 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED** 

### 8.3.2 **Meeting 30/6/2024**

#### 8.3.2.1 Recommendation 2 – Item 5.1: Jack Russell Breed Standard

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** DOGS NSW requests Dogs Australia to again contact Dogs NZ and request that the standards for this particular breed be updated in accordance with that which is on the Dogs Australia website.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Breed Standards Committee meeting held on 30 June 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED** 

## 8.4 **Grounds Committee - 18/7/2024**

# 8.4.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1: Exhibitors Cleaning Up

MOVED L Brown SECONDED G Vernon

THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the Board approves for the following to be added into DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show and to advise where the placement should be:-

- 1. At all times an exhibitor shall be responsible for cleaning up and the removal of droppings left by the exhibit. This includes any grooming waste within the environs of the event, including vehicle and camping areas.
- 2. The use of high velocity dryers/blowers within the ring areas not be permitted.

**CARRIED** 

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MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 18 July 2024 be received.

CARRIED

### 8.5 Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee

The Board note that this Committee did not meet

### 8.6 Show Committee - 16/7/2024

# 8.6.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 3.6: Advertisements being Approved prior to Publication

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** Affiliated Clubs that are not advertising in the DOGS NSW Gazette are required to submit for approval to DOGS NSW a copy of the proposed advertisement before it is published.

**CARRIED** 

# 8.6.2 **Note for Board: Item 7: Application for Show Dates**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Board **notes** the Committee's decisions in relation to show dates.

CARRIED

### 8.6.3 Recommendation 7 – Item 6.1: Abandonment of Conformation Show

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendations 7A & B, which read as follows, be **REFERRED** back to the Show Committee to clearly formulate the Regulation change.

### 8.6.3.1 Recommendation 7A

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations be amended to include the statement should a major incident occur where a Committee is forced to cancel a show before its conclusion, any award made at the show prior to the announcement of the cancellation shall stand.

## 8.6.3.2 **Recommendation 7B**

**THAT** if the above is approved by the Board, then the Board advises where they believe it should be placed in the Regulations.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED A Mov

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 16 July 2024 be received.

**CARRIED** 

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# 9. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS

# 9.1 Dogs Australia June 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes - CONFIRMED

MOVED L Brown SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the Board **notes** the confirmed Minutes of the Dogs Australia June 2024 Special Board Meeting.

**CARRIED** 

## 9.2 Dogs Australia June 2024 Special Board Meeting Summary - CONFIRMED

MOVED L Brown SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Board **notes** the confirmed Summary of the Dogs Australia June 2024 Special Board Meeting.

**CARRIED** 

### 10. CORRESPONDENCE - NIL

MEETING CLOSED: 5.08pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11 September 2024 commencing @ 2.00pm

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