

2. PRIORITY MATTERS

2.1 Strategic Planning Working Party

The Board noted that this Working Party did not meet.

2.2 Orchard Hills Lease

3. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

3.1 Executive Committee Decisions - NIL

3.2 Operations Manager's Report

(Refer Finance Minutes, Item 3.3, below)

3.3 Finance Committee – 29/8/2024

3.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1.3: Strategic Planning Working Party

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED R Privett

THAT the Board **accepts** the advice of the Company Secretary that Mr Ross Sinclair has accepted the nomination of Convenor of the Strategic Planning Working Party.

CARRIED

S Mills joined the meeting @ 2.09pm

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

THAT an expression of interest be published to the membership seeking interested person, with the relevant skills, for consideration of appointment to the Strategic Planning Working Party.

CARRIED

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown abstained

S Mills left the meeting @ 2.12pm

J Bryson joined the meeting @ 2.13pm

3.3.2 Note for Board – Item 6.6: Poodle Club of NSW Inc – Public Liability – New Volunteer Class of Membership

(Refer Item 10.1.3-Finance Minutes 25/7/2024)(Refer Item 3.3.4-BOD Minutes 14/8/2024)

MOVED S Hannigan

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Board **notes** the advice that the Honorary Solicitor (Malcolm McDonald) agrees with the Operations Manager's suggestion not to introduce an additional class of membership and agrees with discounting the joining fee.

CARRIED

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown, R Privett abstained

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K Hedberg BVSc joined the meeting @ 2.24pm

3.3.5 Recommendation 4 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 31 July 2024

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT the Financial Statements as @ 31 July 2024 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown abstained

3.3.6 Recommendation 5 – Item 8.3: Audited Financial Statements

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT Recommendation 5, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT the Board receive the 2024 Audited Financial Statements for inclusion in the 2023/2024 RNSWCC Annual Report.

CARRIED

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown abstained

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Operations Manager's Report be **accepted**.

CARRIED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 29 August 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.

D Crofts joined the meeting @ 2.33pm

3.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – August 2024

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED A Moy

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

CARRIED

3.6.1 Serious Animal Welfare Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

D Crofts left the meeting @ 2.38pm

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3.7 **Company Secretary's Report**

3.7.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 1.2: 2023/2024 RNSWCC Annual Report – Including AGM Agenda & Proxy Form**

3.7.2.1 **Recommendation 2A**

MOVED S McFadden SECONDED R Privett
THAT Recommendation 2A, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the 2023/2024 RNSWCC Annual Report, which includes the Audited Financial Report, along with the AGM Agenda and Proxy Form be approved for signature by the President and Senior Vice President and onforwarding to the Auditor for final signature.

CARRIED

3.7.2.2 **Recommendation 2B**

MOVED S McFadden SECONDED A Moy
THAT Recommendation 2A, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT on receipt of all relevant signatures on the 2023/2024 RNSWCC Annual Report, the Report be distributed to the membership, uploaded to the DOGS NSW website and publication of a suitable notice on all media platforms.

CARRIED

3.7.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 1.3: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 12.21(a) - Use of a Runner - AMENDMENT**

MOVED G Vernon SECONDED R Privett
THAT Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be approved:-
THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 12.21(a) - Use of a Runner, which reads as follows:-

- 12.21 ***Use of Runner by Disabled Person (03/08)***
(a) *Upon application, the Board of Directors will consider requests from disabled Members to use the services of a runner, for one or more dogs/breeds, to assist in the exhibition of dogs in conformation Classes. (06/24)*

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Be amended to read:-

12.21 **Use of Runner by Disabled Person (03/08)**

- (a) Upon application, the Board of Directors will consider requests from disabled Members to use the services of a runner, **when required**, for one or more dogs/breeds, to assist in the exhibition of dogs in conformation Classes.

(09/24)

CARRIED

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S McFadden

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

CARRIED

S Mills joined the meeting @ 2.49pm

Lure Coursing Events – Dogs to be Muzzled

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A Moy

THAT the Board **enforce a policy** that dogs must wear muzzles whilst participating in Lure Coursing events.

CARRIED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.2 Get Ready for Bush Fires – Prepare you Pets & Animals

Director Karen Hedberg BVSc drew to the Board's attention the forecast of severe bush fires and the need to ensure our pets and animals are safe.

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the information provided by the Rural Fire Services NSW and titled "Get Ready for Bush Fire – Prepare your Pets and Animals"

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/9429/Fire-Safety-for-your-Pets-Factsheet.pdf

be published in the Weekly Woof, on the DOGS NSW website and all other media platforms to ensure our members are aware of what to do in an emergency.

CARRIED

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5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.3 2025 Great Cattle Dog Muster

(Refer Item 4.1-BOD Minutes 12/6/2024)

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT DOGS NSW makes a donation towards the 2025 Great Cattle Dog Muster **under the same conditions as last year.**

CARRIED

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Draft Schedule & Show Advertisement fees for the 2025 Great Cattle Dog Muster be **waived.**

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT Director G Vernon be appointed as DOGS NSW Administrator for the 2025 Great Cattle Dog Muster.

CARRIED

5.4 NSW Judges – Requirement for Working With Children Check

(Refer Item 7.1-BOD Minutes 8/5/2024)

The Board received advice from the Honorary Solicitors, Malcolm McDonald and Sean O'Donnell.

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT standing orders be suspended to bring forward Item 7.2 to be discussed at this time.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT all Judges judging in New South Wales be required to have a Working With Children Check or equivalent to their State or Country effective 1 July 2025.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT DOGS NSW submit a Motion for the next Dogs Australia meeting that all Judges be required to hold the equivalent of a Working With Children Check either State or Internationally.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED S Mills

THAT DOGS NSW puts in place a policy to be published in the Weekly Woof, on DOGS NSW website and all other media platforms.

CARRIED

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Meeting recessed @ 4.00pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.20pm

- 5.7 **Revision of DOGS NSW Regulations Part X-Affiliated Bodies (Objects) & RNSWCC Constitution for Affiliates Template – Honorary Solicitor’s Advice**
(Refer Item 5.5 – BOD Minutes 14/8/2024)

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Objects contained in DOGS NSW Regulations Part X-Affiliated Bodies be **approved.**
CARRIED

6. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

6.1.2 **Responsibility of DOGS NSW Representative**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED R Privett

THAT a notice be published in the Weekly Woof, DOGS NSW website and other media platforms advising DOGS NSW Representatives that it is their responsibility to report on any incident at a show in the Representatives Report and, further, that they are to attend any Inquiry Hearing and sign off on the Minutes of that meeting.

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

7. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

8. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

8.1 **CJEP Examinations Committee – 4/9/2024**

8.1.1 **Recommendations 1 & 2 – Item 6.1: Practical Examination – November 2024 - Assessors**

8.1.1.2 **Recommendation 2 – Accredited Assessors Lecture**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT Mr Hugh Gent OAM be invited to run a Dogs Australia Accredited Assessor Lecture as soon as possible

CARRIED

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MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Minutes of the CJEP Examinations Committee meeting held on 4 September 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.2 Media & Government Legislation Committee – 5/9/2024

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 5 September 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.3 Show Committee – 27/8/2024

8.3.1 Recommendation 2 - Item 3.7: Abandonment of Conformation Show

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT a new Clause be added into the Show Regulations Part II as follows:-

19.6 Abandonment of Shows

19.6.1 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.

CARRIED

8.3.2 Note for Board 1 - Item 7: Approval of Show Dates

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Board **notes** that the Committee's decisions in relation to Show Dates.

CARRIED

8.3.3 Recommendation 4 – Item 8.4: Online Service Providers - Credits

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, 10.4, which currently reads:-

10.4 (08/17) An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it.

*(a) At an All Breeds Championship Show and a *Group Championship Show held under the Regulations the following shall apply:-*

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(I) There shall be at least one trophy, and a sash or rosette, for each 'in Show' Award as follows:

| Trophy Minimum Value | **A | ***B |
|---|---|---------|
| Best in Show | \$25.00 | \$15.00 |
| Runner Up Best in Show | \$15.00 | \$10.00 |
| All Classes in Show | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Best Neuter in Show | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Runner Up Neuter in Show and Neuter Class in Show | Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show. | |

(II) There shall be at least one trophy, and a sash or rosette, for each "In Group" Award as follows:-

| Trophy Minimum Value | **A | ***B |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Best in Group | \$15.00 | \$10.00 |
| Runner Up Best in Group | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| All Classes in Group | \$10.00 | Trophy not mandatory |
| Best Neuter in Group | \$10.00 | Trophy not mandatory |
| Runner Up Best Neuter in Group and Neuter Class in Group | Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show. | |

(III) Any gift, presentation, token or insignia (other than spoons, sashes, rosettes, medals or plaques) given in addition to the trophies referred to in (i) and (ii) shall have a minimum value as stated.

Be amended to read:-

10.4 (08/17) An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it.

(a) At an All Breeds Championship Show and a *Group Championship Show held under the Regulations the following shall apply:-

(i) There shall be at least one Trophy, **Cash or Voucher** and a Sash or Rosette, for each 'in Show' Award as follows:

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| All Classes in Show | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Best Neuter in Show | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Runner Up Neuter in Show and Neuter Class in Show | Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show. | |

- (ii) There shall be at least one Trophy, **Cash or Voucher** and a Sash or Rosette, for each “In Group” Award as follows:-

| Trophy Minimum Value | **A | ***B |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Best in Group | \$15.00 | \$10.00 |
| Runner Up Best in Group | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| All Classes in Group | \$10.00 | Trophy not mandatory |
| Best Neuter in Group | \$10.00 | Trophy not mandatory |
| Runner Up Best Neuter in Group and Neuter Class in Group | Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show. | |

- (iii) Any gift, presentation, token or insignia (other than spoons, sashes, rosettes, medals or plaques) given in addition to the trophies referred to in (i) and (ii) shall have a minimum value as stated.

CARRIED

8.3.5 **Note for Board 2 – Item 8.7: 2025 Calendar**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Board **notes** the DRAFT 2025 Show Calendar has been distributed to all Affiliates to examine and amend if required.

CARRIED

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 27 August 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

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9. **DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

9.1 **Notice of Special Meeting Directors – 12/9/2024 – National Canine Grooming Committee**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Notice of the Special Meeting of Directors, scheduled for 12 September 2024, regarding the National Canine Grooming Committee, along with the Agenda and relevant documentation be **noted**.

CARRIED

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 **German Breeds Club of NSW – Exclusion of Breeds**

(Refer Items 7.3.10 & 9.2-Show Minutes 16/7/2024)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the following **breeds as listed be required to be removed** from the German Breeds Club of NSW:-

1. Lowchen (Little Lion Dog) – French Origin
2. Poodles (Standard, Miniature and Toy) – French Origin
3. Biewer Terrier - breed under development by USA

CARRIED

K Hedberg BVSc, A McIlrath, A Moy abstained

10.2 **Dubbo & Central West Dog Sports Inc – Winding Up**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the winding up of the Dubbo & Central West Dog Sports Inc **not be accepted** and Director A Moy be requested to liaise with the current Committee in an attempt to revive the Club.

CARRIED

10.3 **Training Bite Sports**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT a **Motion be foreshadowed** that DOGS NSW Regulations Part X-Affiliated Bodies be amended to include a Clause that DOGS NSW does not allow its Affiliates to be affiliated with any bodies that are involved in sports such as IPO and Bite Sports and for consideration at the next Board meeting.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED: 5.25PM

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting – Friday 27 September 2024
Face to Face Meeting – Wednesday 9 October 2024 commencing @ 2.00pm**

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