



**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 4 February 2026** commencing at 2.00pm.

**PARTICIPATION:**

|                             |                             |
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| R Sinclair                  | S McFadden <b>(by Zoom)</b> |
| C Rafton                    | J Bryson <b>(by Zoom)</b>   |
| N Curwen                    | S Hannigan                  |
| G Vernon                    | A Moy                       |
| K Charnock <b>(by Zoom)</b> | V Harris                    |
| L Brand                     | T Hofman                    |
| K Hedberg BVSc              | P Brown                     |
| A McIlrath <b>(by Zoom)</b> |                             |

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)  
L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)

**For part of meeting:**

A Khamis (Operations Manager) – **(via Zoom)**

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**A. Recording of Board Meeting**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**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**

**B. Confirmation of Review of READING ROOM**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED P Brown

**THAT** Directors in attendance at this meeting confirm that they have read and understand the documents contained in the BoardEffect Reading Room as @ 4 February 2026.

**CARRIED**

**C. Directors Updates**

**\*\*At this time Directors will be invited to give a brief (3 minute) update on the work/projects they are currently undertaking and what initiatives they have introduced, or plan to introduce to benefit DOGS NSW.**

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Director C Rafton

- Spring Fair schedule is almost complete.
- We are leaving 2 rings up to what we normally have which means there will be 4 time slots free for Specialty clubs to join.
- A post will go out advising Clubs if they wish to join we can fit them in – just need to ensure Judges don't judge the same breed over the weekend.
- A Distinguished Service Award was presented at the Australia Day Show in January which I acted for DOGS NSW in the President's absence.

Director K Charnock

- Continuing to work on the RTO working closely with the partners and we now have a draft agreement for review as there are still a few questions and further discussion required before submission to next month's Board meeting.

Director K Hedberg BVSc

- Conformation Judges Examinations Committee conducted Candidate reviews on Monday evening where it was apparent that most Candidates had double guessed themselves. Although they originally had the dogs in order, they changed their minds. The Candidates were appreciative of the opportunity.
- Media & Government Legislation Committee has a few issues coming up such as the POCTA Amendment, once such change being the number of caesareans a bitch can have.
- I am working on developing a Brachycephalic stance being a rebuttal of that which allowed the laws to change. This is on behalf of DOGS NSW and Dogs Australia and I will send it around to the Directors to peruse before finalisation.

Director V Harris

- Sporting Committee has proven to be quite a challenging job, however, after a huge effort the Committee has been able to stabilise the calendar for the year with special thanks to Jacki Winders.
- The Scent Work Convenor, Donna Puttock, in conjunction with myself and Director Kyle Charnock has been working hard implementing a Judges Training Scheme to bring more Judges.
- Spring Dog also implementing a Judges Training Scheme and all is in hand and going well with thanks to Belinda Mitchell.
- Reviewing infrastructure and the environment for Lure Coursing to ensure the season is successful, including inspection of the grounds which the Grounds staff have the grass to an extremely satisfactory level.
- Herding plan is well underway to go live at Orchard Hills in March.
- Draft Working Party is planning a Judges Training Scheme to increase participation which required more Judges.
- Considering a scope to deliver a DOGS NSW State Performance Sports Plan for the metropolitan area (Sydney) and working with the DOGS NSW President and Director Kyle Charnock which will be a 5-10 year plan.

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Director P Brown

- Needed to reschedule the Fast N Furious event which included a major effort to get dates and Judges, especially local Judges which is almost impossible.
- If we continue with the Fast N Furious events it may be worth considering running in conjunction with some shows on the weekend and use Interstate Judges and bring in people that can do both.
- Participated in Strategic Planning
- The Public Relations Committee will be conducting the Canine Sports Spectacular in 3 weeks and will need help for the stand as I will be indisposed.
- The Office was recently contacted by Marrickville Metro who will be conducting a pet day and have invited DOGS NSW to attend and set up a stand.
- Looking to have a DOGS NSW float at the Mardi Gras which may require booking well in advance, possibly 2 years.

Director J Bryson

- PR Events Committee ran a very successful Christmas Show in December
- Work has commenced on the Dogs On Show event which will continue should I be re-elected as of Chair of the PR Events Committee later in today's meeting.

Director S Hannigan

NIL to report.

Director T Hofman

- Currently I have been working on Affiliate matters and incorporated issues with several applications for new Affiliates and Constitution matters and have had discussions with Director Christina Rafton to seek assistance with what is required.
- Planning to discuss with Director Glen Vernon in regards to the requirements for affiliate reporting.
- Currently working on the Child Safety Policy framework and have completed a statement, drafted a policy along with a reporting framework and reporting forms and also working on developing a role risk assessment and will be reaching out to the Directors for guidance particularly in relation to the need to hold a Working With Children Check.
- Have drafted a Social Media Policy which has been referred to a third party for review and will be submitted to the Board at a future date for consideration.
- Have drafted a Conflict of Interest Policy for Board Members which it is hoped will be completed for consideration at the March Board meeting.
- Have received and dealt with numerous members inquiries on a whole range of matters.
- Have completed the "Game On" Grant which is required to be submitted by 18 February and just checking to ensure everything required has been captured.
- Expressions of Interest went out for the Judicial Panel with a really excellent response from quality people.
- Strategic planning involvement.

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Director N Curwen

- The AGM happened post new year resulting in the Region now having a complete new Committee who are working well together.
- Today the Aggressive Dog Working Party conducted 4 Temperament Tests.

Director G Vernon

- All Committees have been working hard since 20 December 2026
- Due to the extreme weather conditions with temperatures reaching extremely high levels cause many show date changes and cancellations.

Director A Moy

- Western Region is doing really well with a lovely group of people with good organisation skills and all is running smoothly.

Director L Brand

NIL to report

Director A McIlrath

NIL to report

Director S McFadden

- Over the last 2 months the Grounds Development Committee has run several highly successful Sprint Dog Trials, a Scent Work Trial and a Championship Show.
- The Grounds Development Committee has increased its membership to fifteen (15) and many volunteers are keen to assist in what the this Committee does.
- The Grounds Development Committee has also run Bunnings BBQs as fundraisers for the Committee and has secured, offered and assisted with BBQs for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Keeshond Club, Tibetan Breeds Club so they could raise funds for the breed shows. The Pomeranian Club is very appreciative of being offered a date in April.
- In March the Grounds Development Committee will attend the RAS Show bag reveal for Kids With Cancer taking puppies, meet and greet at the DOGS NSW seminar including catering and run a BBQ at the end of the month.
- Training starts again today AM and PM classes. These have been well attended and expect more as we get closer to Easter.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** standing orders be suspended to **bring forward Items 9.1** to be discussed at this time.

**CARRIED**

***Refer Item 9.1, below)***

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** standing orders be suspended to **bring forward Items 4.1** to be discussed at this time.

**CARRIED**

***Refer Item 4.1, below)***

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**IN CAMERA**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

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

- 1.1 **Electronic Meeting – 17/12/2025**
- 1.2 **Additional Meeting – 12/1/2026**
- 1.3 **Electronic Motion – 13/1/2026**
- 1.4 **Electronic Motion – 16/1/2026**
- 1.5 **Electronic Motion – 19/1/2026**
- 1.6 **Electronic Motion – 23/1/2026**

**CARRIED**

**2. PRIORITY MATTERS**

**2.1 President's Report**

**2.1.1 Board Action List**

New Board Action List to be implemented and will identify the responsible Directors and timeframes to be met.

***For the Operations Manager: To arrange for a BoardEffect demonstration of the Action Items Register for Directors.***

**2.1.2 Organisation Knowledge Tree/Coalition of the Willing to Drive Projects/Strategy & Events**

Members to opt in to offer their services.

**2.1.3 Town Hall to Deliver Strategic Plan/Meet the Members**

Four (4) sessions per year where Directors will be rostered on with the first session being to roll out the Strategic Plan.

**2.1.4 Calendar of Events for the Board**

President to email Directors to identify key events and how can they be supported – how to share the work – show presence.

**2.2 Strategic Planning Committee – Meeting 28/12/2025**

The President thanks the Directors for their input and contribution to the Strategic Planning process and advised the next session is scheduled for 5 March 2026.

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on 28 December 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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

#### 3.1 **Executive Committee Decisions**

##### 3.1.1 **ECD 1/2026: CJEP Appeal/Review Panel Decisions**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the decision of the Executive Committee in ECD 1/2026, which reads as follows, be **endorsed**:-

**THAT** the decisions of the CJEP Appeal/Review Panel in respect of the appeals/reviews received from Candidates of the CJEP Practical Examinations conducted on 15 & 16 November 2025 **be accepted** and those Candidates that have been granted a resit be advised accordingly and those Candidates whose appeal was not upheld be advised of the opportunity to receive face to face feedback as per DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-Conformation Judges Education Program, Clause 10.18. Further, that the Conformation Judges Examinations Committee be advised so as to enable the resits and reviews to be conducted in an expedient manner.

**CARRIED**

*S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

#### 3.2 **Operations Manager's Report**

The Board noted the following items in the Operations Manager's Report:-

- Monthly Safety Incident Snapshot Report – January/February 2026
- Vendor Leases
- Update – Trial of Introductory Associate Membership

##### 3.2.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 1.3: Recission of February 2021 Board Decision – Online Only Entries**

*(Refer Item 6.1.4-BOD Minutes-Feb 2021)*

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** the Board approve a review of the February 2021 resolution relating to “online-only” entries and confirm that Affiliates may restrict entries to approved online entry platforms for events where this reflects current and established practice, across all disciplines, unless a specific discipline demonstrates a clear operational need for alternative entry methods.

**CARRIED**

Director J Bryson foreshadowed a motion for the next meeting to rescind Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 10.2(d), which requires printed certificates to be available at a show.

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3.2.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 1.4: Christmas 2026/2027 Office Hours & Closure**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Hannigan

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

**THAT** the Board of Directors **approve** the proposed hours for Christmas 2026, as follows:-

- Close to Members on Thursday 17 December 2026 at 4pm
- Staff to work until midday on Friday 18 December 2026
- Some staff to return to the Office to clear backlog on Monday 4 January 2027
- Remaining staff return on Monday 11 January 2027
- Office to reopen to Members on Tuesday 12 January 2027 at 9:30am.

**CARRIED**

The Board noted that the Grounds staff will make other leave arrangements later that is flexible to accommodate the management of the Complex.

3.2.3 **Recommendations 3A & 3B – Item 1.5: Endorsement of Pre-Event Safety Checklist Process**

3.2.3.1 **Recommendation 3A**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** Recommendation 3A, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Board **formally endorse** the DOGS NSW Pre-Event Safety Checklist as a **mandatory process** for all affiliated Clubs conducting events, **effective 1 March 2026**.

**CARRIED**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** a check box be added to the DOGS NSW Representatives Report to confirm that the Pre-Event Safety Checklist has been completed.

**CARRIED**

3.2.3.2 **Recommendation 3B**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** Recommendation 3B, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the checklist must be completed prior to each event and retained on Club records with a copy sent to DOGS NSW with the DOGS NSW Representative's Report. DOGS NSW may request copies in the event of an incident or insurance-related enquiry.

**CARRIED**

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3.2.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 1.7: Reduce Junior Membership from \$25 pro-rated to \$10 Flat Membership Fee**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED T Hofman

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

**THAT** the Board approve the Junior Membership offer as outlined above, effective immediately, and authorise the Office to implement the necessary administrative and communication changes.

**CARRIED**

The Directors discussed options for Junior Members to opt out of receiving a hard-copy magazine or, alternatively, to receive an electronic version via email. In addition, the inclusion of articles specifically targeted toward Junior Members was considered, with the aim of increasing engagement and making the publication more appealing to this group.

3.2.5 **Recommendation 5 – Item 1.8: Failed Mains Power Supply to Performance Field, Herding & Earthdog Areas**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT** the Board approve the upgrade of the underground mains power supply to the Herding area, Performance Storage Garages and Earthdog areas as soon as practicable.

**CARRIED**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** the Operations Manager's Reports be **received**.

**CARRIED**

3.3 **Finance Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

3.3.1 **Financial Report as @ 31 December 2025**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Financial Report as @ 31 December 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

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3.4 **Judges Committee – 16/12/2025**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Minutes of the Judges Committee meeting held on 16 December 2025 be **received**.  
**CARRIED**

3.5 **Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer’s Report – December 2025 & January 2026**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** the Report of the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer December 2025/January 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**For the AWCLO:** *To include the number of dogs on a member’s property in her report.*

3.5.1 **Serious Animal Welfare Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

3.6 **Company Secretary’s Report**

3.6.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 1.1.1: Submission of Committee/Working Party Minutes for Board Approval**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED A Moy

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

**THAT** Committees/Working Parties are to meet and have Minutes submitted to the Board for inclusion on the Board Agenda or Reading Room by the first Wednesday of each month.

**CARRIED**

3.6.2 **Recommendations 2A & 2B – Item 1.1.2: Appointment of Committee/Working Party Members**

3.6.2.1 **Recommendation 2A**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED V Harris

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

**THAT** Clause 17.2 of the Committee Policy Document, which reads as follows, be deleted:-

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**17. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

17.2 *The elected Chairperson of all Committees, excluding current incumbent Chairs, unless a new member is to be approved, must forward to the Office within ten (10) days of being elected, the names of those persons that they wish to have approved as Committee members, which is to be distributed to all Directors within two (2) days, requesting an indication from all Directors within one (1) day of receipt of the list/s of those nominees that are NOT approved only. The remainder be notified of their election to the position as Committee member by the Office. Any nominated member NOT approved by any one (1) or more of the Directors is then to be re-presented at the next Board meeting for discussion prior to any final decision.*

**CARRIED**

**3.6.2.2 Recommendation 2B**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED V Harris

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

**THAT** once a Committees Chair or Working Party Convenor has been appointed by the Board, they will then be responsible for appointing their Committee/Working Party membership.

**CARRIED**

*T Hofman, A Moy, A McIlrath, L Brand AGAINST*

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED G Vernon

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

**CARRIED**

**3.7 Aggressive Dogs Committee – 17/12/2025**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** the Minutes of the Aggressive Dog Committee meeting held on 17 December 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.8 Conformation Judges Training Committee – 28/1/2026**

**3.8.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 5.5: DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-CJEP, Clause 10 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** Recommendation 3 be **REFERRED** back to the Committee for clarity and to include the word “critiques”.

**CARRIED**

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MOVED L Brand

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 28 January 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.9 Conformation Judges Examinations Committee – 2/2/2026**

**3.9.1 Item 3.1.1: Note for Board – Practical Examination “Resits”**

*The Board noted the advice of the Conformation Judges Examination Committee that they have been in contact with the Chair of the CJTC regarding the re-sit examinations as to the date they would suggest and are awaiting their input.*

**3.9.2 Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1: Identification of Trainees**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED A Moy

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

**THAT** the use of Trainee Numbers be discontinued and Trainees be identified by name only.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED V Harris

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Examinations Committee meeting held on 2 February 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4.1 Election – Chair – PR Events Committee**

Voting was by poll and on counting the votes **John Bryson** was elected as **Chair** of the **PR Events Committee**.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**5.3 Sheep Management – Update**

(Refer Item 2-Additional BOD Meeting 12/1/2026)

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Sheep Management update be noted.

**CARRIED**

Director L Brand requested 10 different faecal samples be taken from the grounds and tested and, should there be any contaminated areas, they be treated.

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**6. JUDICIAL MATTERS**

**6.1 Judicial Co-ordinator's Report**

**6.1.1 Inquiry Table**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Judicial Co-ordinator's Report be **received**.

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** standing orders be suspended to bring forward **Items 7.2, 7.3.1 & 7.3.2** to be discussed at this time.

**CARRIED**

**OPEN MEETING**

**7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**7.1 Replace Amenities Airconditioning/Confirmation of Expenditure**

(Refer Item 4.1-Additional BOD Meeting 12/1/2026)

MOVED S Hannigan

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT**, in accordance with RNSWCC Articles of Association, Article 50(b), the Board confirms its decision to replace the three (3) air-conditioning units servicing the Amenities Building to be undertaken by Connect Air & Refrigeration Pty Ltd.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Health Seminar Grant – Collie Club of NSW**

Director S McFadden offered for The Collie Club of New South Wales Inc to contact her, as Chair of the Grounds Development Committee, and she will arrange to book a Bunnings BBQ for them.

**7.3 Amend Committee Name to Government Framework Working Party**

**7.3.1 Change of Working Party Name**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Board accepts the recommendation by Director T Hofman to change the current name of the Constitution & Regulations Working Party to a more comprehensive name, ie, "Governance Framework Working Party".

**CARRIED**

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7.3.2 **Approval of Governance Framework Work Party Documents**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Board approves the following documents in respect of the formation of the Governance Framework Working Party:-

- The Terms of Reference (**Annexure A**)
- The issuing of an EOI seeking suitable members to form this Working Party (see draft attached at (**Annexure B**))
- The Statement of Suitability which is to be completed by every applicant (**Annexure C**)
- Using the Suitability Matrix to fairly determine who are the right people for the Working Party (**Annexure D**)
- Communication of this new Working Party and its function to the membership via multi-platform tools (eg, FaceBook, DOGS NSW Magazine, Weekly Woof, etc).

**CARRIED**

*Directors T Hofman & G Vernon left the meeting @ 4.55pm*

7.4 **Travel Expenses – Scent Work Assessors**

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the Board approve for Regional Assessors at Scent Work Judges Practical Examinations to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the current ATO per kilometre rate, \$0.88c.

**CARRIED**

*V Harris ABSTANED*

7.5 **Dogs Australia Motion – Reinstate Open Book Exams – New Breeds**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** DOGS NSW submits a Motion to the Dogs Australia June 2026 Special Board Meeting as follows:-

“**THAT** Dogs Australia re-instate Open Book Exams for **all new breed/s** to be undertaken by licenced Judges holding the respective Group Licences.”

**CARRIED**

8. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

***(Refer Reading Room for Committee/Working Party Minutes that do not require a resolution by the Board)***

8A **Committee/Working Party Minute Takers**

***For the Office: To remove the requirement to record the name of the Minute Taker on Committee and/or Working Party Minutes.***

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8.1 **Media & Government Legislation Committee – 28/1/2026**

8.1.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 5.2: State Dog Park – Update & Presentation**

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

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

**THAT** the Board endorse the Media & Government Legislation Committee to re-present and update the State Dog Park presentation.

**CARRIED**

8.1.2 **Recommendation 2- Item 5.3: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – New Clauses, numbered 11 & 12**

Director K Hedberg BVSc foreshadowed a motion for the next meeting to amend DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics by the inclusion of a new clause, numbered 9A, to read:-

9A. *Where a bitch has had two (2) litters within one (1) year, no further litters from that bitch will be registered for twelve (12) months following the birth of the second litter.*

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 28 January 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.2 **Members Education Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

8.3 **Sporting Committee – 20/1/2026**

8.3.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 4.2: Sporting Working Parties Profit**

MOVED V Harris

SECONDED a Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **REFERRED** to the Finance Committee for review taking into consideration that another discipline under a Committee's responsibility may make a sufficient profit which would cover another discipline's loss:-

**THAT** the requirement by Sporting Committee Working Parties to make a profit of \$800 at each event be removed by the Administration of DOGS NSW.

**CARRIED**

***For the Finance Committee: To review the requirement for all Committee and Working Parties to provide P&L Statements.***

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8.3.2 **Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

*The Board noted the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates.*

8.3.4 **Recommendation 3 – Item 8.7.1: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XVI: Scent Work – NEW REGULATIONS**

MOVED V Harris

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** a new set of DOGS NSW Regulations, named Part XVI: Scent Work (as attached at **ANNEXURE B** of the Sporting Committee Minutes) be endorsed by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

8.3.5 **Recommendation 4 – Item 8.7.2: 2026 Scent Work Judges Training Scheme**

MOVED V Harris

SECONDED A Moy

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

**THAT** the following time frame for the 2026 rolling program for the Scent Work Judges Training Scheme be endorsed (following endorsement of Recommendation 3, above):-

- Advertise new Scent Work Training Scheme – March 2026
- Review and finalise applications to the Board – April 2026
- Commence Program – May 2026

**CARRIED**

8.3.6 **Recommendation 5 – Item 8.7.5: DOGS NSW Representative – Scent Work State Titles**

MOVED V Harris

SECONDED A Moy

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

**THAT** the Board approve Ms Helen Pakals 2100021647 as the DOGS NSW Representative for the three (3) days at the Scent Work State Titles – noting she is not competing and is a member of DOGS NSW.

**CARRIED**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 20 January 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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**Currently reads:**

2.1 Unless forbidden by the Regulations of their Country of residence, for a Non-Resident Judge to be approved to judge Group Specials in Australia, but not the individual breeds for which they are not approved at breed level, they must be approved and have awarded in their Country of Residence Challenge Certificates or their equivalent, to a minimum of 70% of the Major breeds\* in each group as per the ANKC Ltd recognised Group/Breed list.

**Be amended to read:**

2.1 Unless forbidden by the Regulations of their Country of residence, for a Non-Resident Judge to be approved to judge Group Specials in Australia, but not the individual breeds for which they are not approved at breed level, they must be approved and have awarded in their Country of Residence **or other FCI member NCO**, Challenge Certificates or their equivalent, to a minimum of **70% 80%** of the ~~Major breeds\* in each group as per the ANKC Ltd recognised Group/Breed list.~~

9.1.5.2 **\*Major breed**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT DOGS NSW SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs South Australia to amend Dogs Australia Regulations Part 9: Non-Resident Judges, “**Major breed**”, effective from 1 January 2027, as follows:-

**Currently Reads:**

*\*Major breed a breed that has an average of 60 plus registrations over the last 3 years as recorded on the Dogs Australia Website.*

**Be amended to read:**

Delete notation.

**CARRIED**

9.1.5.3 **Clause 2.1.1**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT DOGS NSW SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs South Australia to amend Dogs Australia Regulations Part 9: Non-Resident Judges, **CLAUSE 2.1.1**, effective from 1 January 2027, as follows:-

**Currently reads:**

2.1.1 *Best in Show at Championship or CACIB Shows can only be judged by judges who are approved to Judge Best in Show in their Country of Residence, provided that judge is approved by ANKC Ltd to judge at least 4 Group Specials in Australia.*

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Alternatively, should a Judge from a non-FCI Country be able to judge 70% of the Breeds in each of the 7 Groups as per the ANKC Ltd recognised Group/Breed list, the ANKC Ltd may then grant permission for that Judge to judge Best in Show. FCI Judges Regulation 2e prevents this alternative being applied to FCI Judges.

**Be amended to read:**

2.1.1 Best in Show at Championship or CACIB Shows can only be judged by judges who are approved to judge Best in Show in their Country of Residence, provided that Judge is approved by ANKC Ltd to judge at least ~~4~~ **6** Group Specials in Australia.

Alternatively, should a Judge from a non-FCI Country be able to judge ~~70%~~ **80%** of the Breeds in each of the 7 Groups as per the ANKC Ltd recognised Group/Breed list, the ANKC Ltd may then grant permission for that Judge to judge Best in Show. FCI Judges Regulation 2e prevents this alternative being applied to FCI Judges.

**CARRIED**

9.1.6 **Item 5.5: Accept Canines Sterilised via Hormone-Sparing Surgery onto the Dogs Australia Associate Register**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT DOGS NSW SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs Queensland to accept canines sterilised via Hormone-Sparing Surgery onto the Dogs Australia Associate Register – **subject to care being taken, eg, Superlorin dogs cannot get a pass..**

**CARRIED**

9.1.7 **Item 5.6: Recognition of (3) Australian Developed Breeds**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT DOGS NSW SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs Queensland for the recognition of the Australian Cobberdog, Hartwell Retriever and Dickens Retriever.

**CARRIED**

*V Harris AGAINST*

It should be noted that the Australian Cobberdog and the Hartwell Retriever are basically the same dog, ie, Labradoodle, in both coat and colour in the breed standard and, therefore, should be put together. The Dickens Retriever is different.

9.1.8 **Item 5.7: Junior Class**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT DOGS NSW SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs Queensland that Dogs Australia allow for Junior Class to be awarded at In Group and In Show level at Group 1-4 Shows.

**CARRIED**

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9.1.9 **Item 5.8: Regulations Part 3: Judges Training & Examination Scheme, Clause 6.1(c) - AMENDMENT**

MOVED L Brand SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT DOGS NSW SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs Queensland to amend Dogs Australia Regulations Part 3: Judges Training & Examination Scheme, Clause 6.1(c), as follows:-

**Currently reads:**

- 6.1 *A Trainee Judge acknowledges, upon submitting a signed enrolment form to their Member Body to enrol into a new Judges Education Program, that upon approval of their application by their Member Body they are governed by the current ANKC Ltd Regulations and their Member Body's Supplementary Regulations operational at the time of their enrolment. (Amended 10/11)*
- (c) *A Trainee Judge can only train for one (1) group initially. After passing their Initial group, a Trainee judge can train for no more than three (3) groups at any one time may only undertake one (1) Practical examination per year. (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)*

**Be amended to read:**

- 6.1 A Trainee Judge acknowledges, upon submitting a signed enrolment form to their Member Body to enrol into a new Judges Education Program, that upon approval of their application by their Member Body they are governed by the current ANKC Ltd Regulations and their Member Body's Supplementary Regulations operational at the time of their enrolment. (Amended 10/11)
- (c) A Trainee Judge can only train for one (1) Group initially. After passing their Initial Group, a Trainee Judge can train for no more than ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** Groups at any one time **"and"** may only undertake one (1) Practical examination per year. (Amended 10/13 – 5.6.4)

**CARRIED**

**\*\*NOTING the word "and" is missing in the second last line.**

9.1.10 **Item 5.10: Regulations Part 6: The Register & Registration, Clause 6.9 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED N Curwen SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT DOGS NSW SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs South Australia that Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6: The Register & Registration, Clause 6.9, as follows:-

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**Currently reads:**

**6.9 Registration of Associate Dogs – on Associate Register (10/07, 7.11) (Amended 10/10, 5.11) (Amended 10/19, 6.1)**

- 6.9.1 As from 1 January 2008, it is compulsory PRIOR to the registration of an Associate Dog on the National Database, that the application to register such dog is accompanied by a Sterilisation Certificate or a recognised Animal Register official documentation showing the owner, microchip number and indicating that the dog is desexed.
- 6.9.2 The dog to be permanently identified (such as Microchip) and the permanent identified number to be recorded on the Sterilisation Certificate.
- 6.9.3 The breed is to be recorded as 'Associate' with a number assigned by the Dogs Australia Member Body and only the following details are to be recorded on the National Database:
- a. name (one word only).
  - d. sex - indicated only as either neutered or spayed.
  - e. microchip number.
  - f. date of birth (if known).
  - g. colour

Note: The breed or cross breed may be recorded in the notes field for further reference.

- 6.9.4 The Dogs Australia Member Body will produce an Associate Register Certificate for an Associate dog, which indicates the above details.

**Be amended to read:**

**6.9 Registration of Associate Dogs – on Associate Register (10/07, 7.11) (Amended 10/10, 5.11) (Amended 10/19, 6.1)**

- 6.9.1 ~~As from 1 January 2008, it~~ is compulsory PRIOR to the registration of an Associate Dog on the National Database, that the application to register such dog is accompanied by a Sterilisation Certificate or a recognised Animal Register official ~~documentation~~ **document confirming the dog is neutered, or where the dog is being registered through a Dogs Australia recognised Kindred body, a letter of authenticity, issued by the recognised body detailing the dog's reproductive status.**
- 6.9.2 Any person registering an entire dog on the Associate Register must be a voting member of the member body in which they reside.**

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- 6.9.3 The dog to be permanently identified ~~by~~ (such as Microchip) and the permanent identified number to be recorded on the ~~documentation as provided at 6.9.1.~~ **Sterilisation Certificate.**
- 6.9.34 The Breed is to be recorded as 'Associate' with a (AR) number assigned by the Dogs Australia Member Body and only the following details are to be recorded on the National Database:
- name ~~(one word only)~~ (to conform to Dogs Australia Regulations). Where there is a Dogs Australia registered prefix it is to be included as part of the name.
  - sex - indicated only as either **Dog, Bitch or** Neutered ~~or spayed~~.
  - microchip number.
  - date of birth ~~(if known)~~ (or approximate).
  - colour.
  - Breeder (if known).**
  - Current owners name and address.**

Note: The **suspected** breed or cross breed may be recorded in the notes field for further reference.

- 6.9.45 The Dogs Australia Member Body will produce an Associate Register Certificate for an Associate dog, which indicates the above details.

**6.9.6 A litter born to both the Sire and Dam on the Associate Register may be registered on the Associate Register where the owner has a registered prefix with Dogs Australia and is a current financial member of a Dogs Australia Member Body.**

**6.9.7 To be recognised as a Kindred Body the entity must make application to Dogs Australia for recognition. The application must stipulate the activities conducted by the entity, time in existence, number of members and dogs registered to them and why they are making application to be associated with Dogs Australia. The Dogs Australia Board of Directors is to assess the application at the next available Board meeting and notify the entity as soon as possible after the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

*V Harris AGAINST*

9.1.11 **Item 5.12: Australian Representative at the World Dog Show**

DOGS NSW Delegates to **seek elaboration** on this item, as this is a very broad motion; who will do the selection, will it be run off a point score?

Motion from Dogs Victoria that the dog or bitch that is selected to represent Australia at the World Dog Show be an animal that is bred in Australia. This requirement will start with the dog selected as Australia's Representative for the 2026 World Dog Show.

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9.1.12 **Item 5.13: Discontinuation of the Limited Register**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs Victoria that Dogs Australia abolish the use of the Limited Register and move to a single register (currently called the Main Register). Registration on this register will indicate the following three (3) tick box options which must be completed by the breeder at the time of registration:-

- Not for breeding
- Not for export
- ~~Not for conformation~~

Breeders will have the ability to make a change only once if desired. This to take effect from 1 July 2026 - **SUBJECT TO THE REMOVAL OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TICK BOX, IE, "Not for Conformation"**.

**CARRIED**

9.1.13 **Item 5.15: Discontinuing the Awarding of Age Class in Group Awards above Junior In Group**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** DOGS NSW **does NOT support** the Motion from Dogs Victoria that, subject to the acceptance of the motion for introduction of a Champion Class, the awarding of intermediate, Australian Bred and Open In Group awards be discontinued simultaneously with the change to judging by the introduction of a Champion Class.

**CARRIED**

9.1.14 **Item 5.16: Introduction of Performance Champion & Performance Grand Champion Titles**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motion from Dogs Victoria that Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6: The Register & Registration, Section 7: Title Endorsements, be amended by the inclusion of two (2) new Clauses, numbered 7.10: Performance Champion, and 7.11: Performance Grand Champion, as follows:-

7.10 Performance Champion

7.10.1 All dogs on the Dogs Australia registers (Main, Limited, Neuter, Associate, Sporting), or as amended from time to time, shall be eligible to apply for the title of "Performance Champion" upon being awarded two or more Champion titles in any Dogs Australia recognised performance disciplines. The "Performance Champion" title shall appear before the name of the dog with the numerical Champion titles held, and the disciplines title indicated in brackets, eg, P.CH.5. (O)(R)(T)(TS)(A200). There is no requirement for a dog to hold a Conformation Champion or Neuter Champion title to be eligible to hold a Performance Champion title.

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7.11 Performance Grand Champion

7.11.1 All dogs on the Dogs Australia registers (Main, Limited, Neuter, Associate, Sporting), or as amended from time to time, shall be eligible to apply for the title of "Performance Grand Champion" upon being awarded two or more Grand Champion titles in any Dogs Australia recognised performance disciplines. The "Performance Grand Champion" title shall appear before the name of the dog with the numerical Grand Champion titles held and the disciplines title indicated in brackets, eg, P.GR.CH.2.(T)(TS). There is no requirement for a dog to hold a Conformation Grand Champion or Grand Neuter Champion title to be eligible to hold a Performance Grand Champion title.

**CARRIED**

9.1.15 **Item 5.18: Rename Bale Hunt to Bale Seek and Clarify Procedure Manual Requirements**

**MOTION 1**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motions from Dogs West as follows:-

**THAT** Dogs Australia rename the adopted discipline Bale Hunt to Bale Seek following legal advice.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 2**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motions from Dogs West as follows:-

**THAT** Dogs Australia establish a National Bale Seek Working Party.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 3**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motions from Dogs West as follows:-

**THAT** Dogs Australia endorses Ms Brigitte Walkey as Chair of the National Bale Seek Working Party.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 4**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motions from Dogs West as follows:-

**THAT** Dogs Australia adopt the draft Rules for Bale Seek.

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION 5**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motions from Dogs West as follows:-

**THAT** Dogs Australia adopt the draft rules for the training of Bale Seek Judges, including foundation judges.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 6**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motions from Dogs West as follows:-

**THAT** the National Bale Seek Working Party develop a procedure manual for any administrative processes required by State Member Bodies, as per the below Resolution adopted at the June 2025 Board Meeting:-

5.12 *THAT, in future, when approving new disciplines or ideas, Dogs Australia seeks input from a system perspective, eg, costings, etc, and request a procedure manual for the administrative processes from the person proposing the new discipline/idea prior to implementation.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 7**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** DOGS NSW **SUPPORTS** the Motions from Dogs West as follows:-

**THAT** clarification be provided on the requirement for a working party to develop a procedure manual for administrative processes, when a working party has no concept of what is required.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Appointment of National RAFT Committee Delegates**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the following persons be appointed as DOGS NSW Delegates on the National RAFT Committee:-

- Mr Paul Hamson (Retrieving)
- Mr David Mills (Field Trialling)

**CARRIED**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**MEETING CLOSED: 5.43pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11 March 2026 @ 2.00pm**

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