



MINUTES of an **ELECTRONIC MOTION** considered by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS on **Friday 13 March 2026**

PARTICIPATION:	C Rafton (Deputy Chair)	S McFadden (by Zoom)
	N Curwen	J Bryson (by Zoom)
	G Vernon	A Moy (by Zoom)
	K Charnock	V Harris
	L Brand (by Zoom)	T Hofman
	K Hedberg BVSc	P Brown (by Zoom) A McIlrath (by Zoom)

The following are matters that were adjourned from the Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2026 due to a lack of a quorum.

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. JUDICIAL MATTERS

2.4 Recommendation 7: Expressions of Interest – Judicial Panel Members

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Recommendation 7, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT each Director indicate their approval, or otherwise, for each of the persons listed for acceptance as a member of the DOGS NSW Judicial Panel.

CARRIED

L Brand ABSTAINED

2.5 Recommendation 8

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Recommendation 8, which reads as follows, be approved:-

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

CARRIED

3. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

3.1 Recommendation 9: Upgrade Main Power Supply/Confirmation of Expenditure

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT Recommendation 9, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT, in accordance with RNSWCC Articles of Association, Article 50(b)(i), the Board confirms its decision to replace the upgrade the Mains Power Supply to the Herding area, Performance Storage Garages and Earthdog areas.

CARRIED

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3.2 Recommendation 10: Removal of Printed Certificates Regulation

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED T Hofman

THAT Recommendation 10, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 10.2(d), which reads as follows, be deleted in its entirety:-

10.2 At a Championship Show held under the Regulations:-

- (d) any exhibitor requiring a hard copy certificate shall be provided with one on the day of the event using a supplied template on plain paper (in the case of extreme circumstances) , or by post thereafter. **(03/22)**

CARRIED

A McIlrath AGAINST

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

4.1 Recommendation 13: Fast N Furious Committee – 2/3/2026

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED T Hofman

THAT Recommendation 13, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the Minutes of the Fast N Furious Committee meeting held on 2 March 2026 be received.

CARRIED

4.2 Media & Government Legislation Committee – 25/2/2026

4.2.1 Recommendation 14: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – New Clauses, numbered 11 & 12.

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED T Hofman

THAT Recommendation 14, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 1 of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting of 25/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the following new Clauses be inserted into DOGS NSW **Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics** and that the subsequent renumbering to the remainder of the relevant Clauses document as necessary:-

- 11. A Member shall not breed a bitch that has had two deliveries by caesarean section without prior veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding.
- 12. A Member must not breed with a bitch that has had three deliveries by caesarean section.

CARRIED

S McFadden ABSTAINED

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4.2.2 **Recommendation 15**

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED T Hofman

THAT Recommendation 15, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 2 of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting of 25/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the following amendments be inserted into DOGS NSW **Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics** and that the subsequent renumbering to the remainder of the relevant Clauses document as necessary:-

10. A Member shall not breed a bitch that results in a third litter in 18 months without the prior written approval of a veterinary surgeon AND the permission of the DOGS NSW Board of Directors. If a Certificate of Fitness dated prior to mating and written permission of the Board of Directors, permitting the breeding, cannot be supplied, at the time of registration of the litter, this will result in all progeny being registered on the Limited Register and marked “never to be upgraded”.

AND

The Member will be subject to disciplinary action under the current penalty regime.

CARRIED

S McFadden ABSTAINED

4.2.3 **Recommendation 16: Professional Dog Trainers of Australia Inc – Prong Collars**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED N Curwen

THAT Recommendation 16, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 3 of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting of 25/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT, since the objects and regulatory obligations of DOGS NSW preclude involvement in, and are contrary to, the use of prong collars and attack-training practices, and the objects of the Professional Trainers Association are divergent from those of DOGS NSW, DOGS NSW should not become engaged in, or provide support for, the Association’s campaign or concerns.

CARRIED

A Moy AGAINST

L Brand, S McFadden ABSTAINED

4.2.5 **Recommendation 18**

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED N Curwen

THAT Recommendation 18, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 25 February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

S McFadden ABSTAINED

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4.3 **Sporting Committee – 17/2/2026**

4.3.1 **Recommendation 19: Lure Coursing Field Report**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED N Curwen

THAT Recommendation 19, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 1 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT prior to April 2026, DOGS NSW inspect the Lure Coursing field and fill any large holes requiring more than a couple of 20 litre buckets of sand/soil.

AND

THAT DOGS NSW purchase and store the following items in the sheep shed (located in the Herding B/ Lure Coursing field:-

1. 1 tonne of clean fill or river sand (to be replenished as required)
2. 2 x 20 litre heavy duty buckets
3. 2 x Saxon D-handle shovels

CARRIED

G Vernon ABSTAINED

4.3.2 **Recommendation 20: Scent Work Trial Entries – Position Paper**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Recommendation 20, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 2 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the following **addition** be made to DOGS NSW Regulations Part XVI: Scent Work, Section 2:-

2.2.13 **Trial Entries**

- a. In accordance with DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, a dog must be entered with the correct details and dog ownership in the catalogue to be eligible for qualification or awards at a DOGS NSW sanctioned Scent Work Trial.
- b. Should a dog not be entered correctly by their owner or co-owner or not entered in the catalogue, then they will not be eligible for qualification cards or awards.
- c. Any qualification cards or awards issued to a dog who is not entered in the catalogue at a Trial will be rescinded, and the competitor may face disciplinary action.

CARRIED

A Moy ABSTAINED

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4.3.3 **Recommendation 21: Trial Entries for Volunteers & Judges**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED A Moy

THAT Recommendation 21, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 3 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the following **addition** be made to DOGS NSW Regulations Part XVI: Scent Work, Section 2:-

2.2.13 **Trial Entries**

- d. Affiliates retain the right to manage Trial entries to ensure the smooth running of a Trial. In this regard, an Affiliate may provide guaranteed or priority entries to a limited number of volunteers and/or Judges with the following conditions:-
 - i. The majority of Trial entries remain available at the official opening of entries.
 - ii. Systems must be in place to ensure priority entries are made available to designated positions, the Trial Manager and Trial Secretary and/or Judges.
 - iii. Affiliates should ensure procedures are in place to prevent potential unintended misuse of the system, for example, not allocating to a greater number of volunteers than necessary to successfully run each Trial.

CARRIED

N Curwen AGAINST

K Charnock, K Hedberg BVSc ABSTAINED

4.3.4 **Recommendation 22: Scent Work Seminars/Workshops/Training Events**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Recommendation 22, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 4 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the Scent Work Working Party, be able to fund a minimum of two seminars, workshops or training events for Scent Work Judges to help support Scent Work Judges required professional development each year.

CARRIED

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4.3.5 **Recommendation 23: SprintDog™ Lure Operators Practical Assessment**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED A Moy

THAT Recommendation 23, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 5 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Practical Assessments for SprintDog™ Lure Operators are to be conducted at any approved SprintDog™ Trial in NSW, with scheduling of Assessments to be mutually agreed between the Assessor(s), State Lure Operator Training Co-ordinator and Candidate.

CARRIED

4.3.6 **Recommendation 24: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 19.1.2(f) - AMENDMENT**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED A Moy

THAT Recommendation 24, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 6 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the following additional paragraph be added to DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 19.1.2(f): Extreme Weather – Impact on Dog Sports:-

SprintDog™ Trials must be cancelled if the forecast temperature available at 10.00am from the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue (www.bom.gov.au) two days prior exceeds 32 degrees Celsius, or in the alternative, rescheduled to a cooler period for the Trial (eg, early morning) at the discretion of the Affiliate.

CARRIED

T Hofman AGAINST

4.3.7 **Recommendation 25: DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges, Performance Disciplines, Clause 4.2A(vi)**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED V Harris

THAT Recommendation 25, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 7 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT, DOGS NSW Part VI: Judges, Performance Disciplines, Clause 4.2A(vi), which reads as follows, be rescinded:-

{A}(vi) A Judge shall not:- Act as a handler of an exhibit or exhibit a dog in a Lure Coursing Meet or SprintDog™ Trial at which he officiates as a Judge (08/25)

CARRIED

K Hedberg BVSc, S McFadden AGAINST

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4.3.8 **Recommendation 26: Northern Region Scent Sports Club – Winding Up**

MOVED V Harris

SECONDED A Moy

THAT Recommendation 26, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 8 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the Northern Region Scent Sports Club be granted permission to wind up and the Board consider their request to donate the balance of monies held on the Club's bank account to Mindog.org.au.

CARRIED

N Curwen, K Hedberg BVSc, S McFadden AGAINST

4.3.9 **Recommendation 27: SprintDog™ Spectator Seating**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT Recommendation 27, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT Recommendation 9 of the Sporting Committee Minutes of 17/2/2026, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT DOGS NSW consider the purchase of grandstand seating for use in the SprintDog™ area to enable spectators an improved view of the track, noting the grandstand would be portable and other disciplines would benefit from its use.

AND

THAT the grandstand be:-

- A maximum seating capacity of 40
- Consideration be given to the dimensions and it fit through the current gates on the grounds
- It be on wheels for ease of relocation
- The budget be limited to a purchase under \$5,000.00
- The purchase be made by DOGS NSW and it will become an asset for all to use
- Purchased from Felton.net.au, Parkfurnitureaustralia.com.au or XS-smart.com

CARRIED

T Hofman AGAINST

MEETING CLOSED

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