

AGENDA for the Annual General Meeting of Members to be held Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Amenities Building, The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills.

1. PRESENT

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members held 1 November 2017, published in the April 2018 Gazette.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5. CONSIDERATION OF SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

7. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR THE YEAR-END 30 JUNE 2018

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 C Rafton to move by Special Resolution

THAT the RNSWCC Articles of Association, Part III – The Board of Directors – Chairman and Deputy Chairmen, Article 40(a) which currently reads:-

40.(a) No person may hold the office of Chairman for more than 3 consecutive years

Be deleted in its entirety.

RATIONALE:

The Directors of DOGS NSW are voted in by the membership of the Region that they represent, and the number is that of fifteen (15). We elect a Chairman from amongst our number, yet we must sometimes choose from amongst those that are "available" owing to the compulsory restrictions made by this Article. We need to be able to select the best person for the position of Chairman. If you trust us to vote as Directors, then you must trust us to choose the Chairman, as we do every Committee Chair, yet these can be retained without any restrictions. Surely the Chairman is the most important to have the right person for the job.

8.2 C Rafton to move by Special Resolution

THAT the RNSWCC Articles of Association, Part III - The Board of Directors – Voting and Decisions, Article 49, which currently reads:-

49. (a) Subject to Article 49, questions arising at a meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall be determined by a majority of the votes of Directors present at the Directors meeting or members of the committee present at the committee meeting.

- (b) Each Director present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or member of any committee present at a meeting of any committee appointed by the Board of Directors, (including the person presiding at the meeting), is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on the question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.*
- (c) Subject to Article 45(e), the Board of Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Board of Directors.*
(11/12)
- (d) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purported to have been done or suffered, by the Board of Directors or by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any Director or member of the committee.*

Be amended to read:-

- 49. (a) Subject to Article 49, questions arising at a meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee appointed by the Board of Directors shall be determined by a majority of the votes of Directors present at the Directors meeting or members of the committee present at the committee meeting.
- (b) Each Director present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or member of any committee present at a meeting of any committee appointed by the Board of Directors, (including the person presiding at the meeting), is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equality of votes on the question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (c) Additional meetings to the scheduled monthly Board of Directors' meetings may be conducted by email. Should any Director indicate against an agenda item that they are unwilling to have decided by email vote, that item will be held over for discussion and determination at the next monthly Board meeting. A Board meeting held by email shall be deemed to have been held at the Office.**
- (d) Board of Directors Meetings may be conducted with all the Directors by telephone or video link up or other instantaneous communication device where each of the Directors taking part in the Board meeting must be able to hear each of the other Directors taking part at the commencement of the meeting, and each Director must acknowledge his or her presence to all other Directors taking part. A Board meeting held by telephone or video link up or other instantaneous communication device shall be deemed to have been held at the Office.**

- (ee) Subject to Article 45(e), the Board of Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Board of Directors.
(11/12)
- (ef) Any act or thing done or suffered, or purported to have been done or suffered, by the Board of Directors or by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors, is valid and effectual notwithstanding any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the appointment or qualification of any Director or member of the committee.

RATIONALE:

It is now usual practice for Corporate entities to conduct voting by email and/or other electronic video or telephone link ups. In the case of RNSWCC Ltd, it would be used for the ratification of a motion already passed by the Directors at a previous meeting but requiring the Board of Director to re-confirm the resolution no less than 14 days after the original motion (re Article 50), or receipt of ANKC Board Minutes, or in relation to urgent issues if approval for change of dates for shows, etc:-

- a) when a face to face is too expensive, or;*
- b) cannot be arranged due to absentee apologies if in person, or;*
- c) if by email when skype is unavailable due to remoteness or NBN issues.*

8.3 K Hedberg BVSc to move by Special Resolution

THAT the following Clause be added to the RNSWCC Articles of Association as a new Clause numbered 91:-

Protocols for DNA Parentage Testing

- 91. Except in the situation where there is a question as to parentage and a complaint has been made to the Board of Directors, or if the Member Body so requests, there shall be no mandatory DNA Parentage Testing in New South Wales.

RATIONALE:

At the June 2018 ANKC Ltd Special Board meeting, it was resolved to amend ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6-The Register & Registration by adding a new Clause 6.12, which reads:-

- 6.12 Parentage Proven for Registration*
- 6.12.1 All puppies whelped after 01 January 2020 and being registered on the ANKC Ltd database as Main Registered are to be Parentage Proven by DNA. All results are to use the International Society for Animal Genetic (ISAG) marker and are to be submitted to the member body prior to registration.*
- 6.12.2 Where a breeder makes application to upgrade a dog to the Main Register then the dog is to be Parentage Proven as per 6.12.1 prior to being upgraded.*
- 6.12.3 Collection and testing of the DNA sample is to be conducted pursuant to protocols at Section 2 of these Regulations.*
- 6.12.4 All dogs, frozen semen and Fertilised Ova imported into Australia from 01 January 2020 are to be Parentage Proven in accordance with this section.*
- 6.12.5 All Frozen semen registered after 01 January 2020 is to be Parentage Proven in accordance with this section.*

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DOGS NSW Board of Directors firmly believes that mandatory DNA parentage testing is not required at this time and would deliver a negative impact for the following reasons:

- *Will add considerable cost to every puppy registered on the Main Register.*
- *Will have the added effect of significantly increasing the number of puppies placed on the Limited Register.*
- *DOGS NSW is currently experiencing, dwindling membership and shrinking income, this further impost will drive many to either stop breeding or resign their membership and move to other emerging registration bodies.*
- *Leaving the requirements for DNA parentage testing limited to those cases where there is a clear doubt on parentage as currently occurs, is sufficient to safeguard the database.*
- *The instigation of Australia wide testing would require a framework that currently does not exist.*
- *DOGS NSW does not believe that it was the intention of the ANKC Ltd National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee to endorse such a recommendation.*

DOGS NSW does not support this amendment to the Regulations.

9. MEETING CLOSED.

Please note that members attending the AGM will be required to produce their digital membership card, which will be checked upon entry to ensure that their membership is currently financial.

PROXY VOTING: A Proxy appointment form is published in the DOGS NSW October 2018 Gazette and is also included in the Annual Report available online at www.dogsnsw.org.au
Completed Proxy forms must be posted to the RNSWCC, PO Box 632, St Marys NSW 1790 or scanned/emailed to the office, so as to be received by no later than **4.30pm on Tuesday 6 November 2018.**