



MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held in the Amenities Building of The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, 44 Luddenham Road Orchard Hills on **WEDNESDAY 20 May 2020** at 2.00PM.

PRESENT:

President	Dr K Hedberg BVSc
Senior Vice President	Mrs L Brown
Vice President	Mr J Sheppard
Vice President	Mrs L Brand
Vice President	Mr M Arthur

BY ZOOM:

Mr R Britten	Ms J Seary
Miss V Etherington OAM	Mr E Pickering
Mrs N Keck	Mr P Cutler
Mrs C Rafton	Mr R Harbin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Khamis (Operations Manager)
Mrs V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Mr G Spagnolo, Mr A Lee

MOVED M Arthur
SECONDED L Brand
THAT the apologies be **received**.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – Electronic Minutes – 29/4/2020

MOVED L Brown
SECONDED M Arthur
THAT the Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of the Board of Directors, held on Wednesday 29 April 2020, be **confirmed**.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - NIL

3. JUDICIAL MATTERS

4. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

4.1.2 ECD 25/2020: Virtual Dog Shows conducted under the auspices of DOGS NSW – Available to Breed Clubs only

THAT any DOGS NSW affiliated Breed Club or National Breed Council wishing to host a Virtual Show must apply in writing to DOGS NSW Show Committee for approval as follows:-

- Such requests should outline the purpose of the Virtual Show.
- Details of the proposed event.
- How the event is to be run.
- The event **MUST** be intended as a fundraiser and/or for a specific purpose.
- No Show Levy will be required by DOGS NSW.

CARRIED

4.2 **Operations Manager's Report – Statistics ONLY**

MOVED R Britten

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the Statistics in the Operations Manager's Report for end April 2020 be **received**.

CARRIED

4.3 **Judges Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

4.4 **Compliance Investigative Panel**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

4.4.1 **Recommendation of CIP Inspections/Verifications**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED R Britten

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

THAT CIP inspections at Orchard Hills recommence with the next inspection date being, Wednesday 27 May 2020 and verifications in regional areas recommence immediately **subject to social distancing and exercising of good hygiene being required**.

CARRIED

4.5 **Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – NIL**

4.6 **Aggressive Dog Reports - NIL**

4.7 **Amendments to the British Bulldog Breed Standards**

- **ANKC Ltd (Email 2/4/2020) – Amendment to British Bulldog Breed Standard**
- **UK Current Breed Standard**
- **Breeding Strategy-Brachycephalic Pedigree Dogs**
- **NSW Country British Bulldog Club (Email 24/4/2020)**
- **ANKC Ltd (Email 11/5/2020) – Press Release – Explanation of Decision**
- **National British Bulldog Council (Email 11/5/2020) – Response to Press Release**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED J Sheppard

THAT DOGS NSW **supports the actions of ANKC Ltd** in respect of the British Bulldog breed standard as revised 2020.

CARRIED

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brown

THAT DOGS NSW **submits an Electronic Motion to ANKC Ltd** request it to convene a meeting with the National Breed Council for British Bulldogs in relation to the Breed Standard.

4.8 **COVID-19 – The Way Forward**

- Mrs Maria Wheeler
- Director Myron Arthur
- Director Nancy Keck
- Grafton Tracking Trial
- Mr Glen Vernon

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED J Seary

THAT the comments from member Mrs M Wheeler and Directors M Arthur & N Keck be **forwarded to Show Committee** for a recommendation to the Board in respect of recommencement of ordinary shows.

CARRIED

R Harbin, M Arthur against

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED L Brand

THAT DOGS NSW clarifies with the Department of Health on how many people are allowed on open air large showgrounds for the purposes of conducting training.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED L Brown

THAT DOGS NSW will not make any decision or give any such advice in respect of activities conducted in parks, reserves, showgrounds, etc, during COVID-19, however, members are reminded that they should comply with current NSW Government COVID-19 requirements as DOGS NSW will not be responsible for their actions.

CARRIED

4.8.1 **Resumption of ACES Clinics**

MOVED P Cutler

SECOND E Pickering

THAT approval be given to allow the recommencement of the ACES Clinics.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the approval to allow the recommencement of the ACES Clinics be **subject to complying with the NSW Government and AVA regulations in place that do not allow animals to come in contact with people examining them.**

CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion

CARRIED

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED L Brown

THAT the decision of the Board not to give advice on the eligibility of activities during COVID-19 be **published in the Weekly Woof** so that members are aware that DOGS NSW is not responsible for their actions.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Office be requested to **write to the DOGS NSW Insurance Broker** to ascertain if people go on Hillsborough grounds and participate in an activity that is not a recognised event are they covered by DOGS NSW insurance policies.

CARRIED

4.9 **Membership & Prefix Renewals**

MOVED V Etherington OAM
SECONDED P Cutler
THAT the email from Director Peter Cutler and the response from the Senior Vice President be noted.

CARRIED

5. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE – NIL**

6. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

6.1 **Company Secretary's Report**

6.1.4 **Items for Noting – Company Secretary's Report**

MOVED C Rafton
SECONDED J Seary
THAT the Items for noting in the Company Secretary's Report be **NOTED**.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown
SECONDED L Brand
THAT the Company Secretary's Report be **RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

6.2 **Finance Minutes – 7/5/2020**

6.2.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 8.1: Financial Report - 1 July 2019 to 30 April 2020**

MOVED P Cutler
SECONDED J Seary
THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the Financial Report as @ 30 April 2020 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

6.2.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 10.2.1: Hawkesbury Sheepdog Trialling Club Inc – Insurance for Sheep**

MOVED P Cutler
SECONDED R Britten
THAT Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT DOGS NSW recommend to Board that a response, in the negative, be forwarded to Hawkesbury Sheepdog Trialling Club Inc, in respect of the Club's sheep being covered under DOGS NSW Insurance Policies, as DOGS NSW has no control over the maintenance of the sheep area or the sheep.

CARRIED

6.2.6 **Recommendation 5 – Item 10.3: CIP Inspections – Waiving fee to Upgrade to Main Register**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT the owners of any puppies requiring inspection by DOGS NSW Compliance Investigative Panel for Main Register status, that were placed on the Limited Register due to the inability to undertake the inspection/verification process, not be charged the fee to upgrade to the Main Register should they pass an inspection/verification in the future.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED M Arthur

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 May 2020 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.3 **Agility Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.4 **Agility Judges Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.5 **Breed Assessment & Temperament Test Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.6 **Breed Standards Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.7 VACANT

6.8 **Conformation Judges Training Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.9 **Constitution & Regulations Working Party**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.10 **Dances With Dogs Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.11 **Grounds Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.12 **Library & Archives Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.13 **Media & Government Legislation Committee – 4/5/2020**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 4 May 2020 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.14 Members Education Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.14.1 MEPP Supervisors

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the following MEPP Supervisors be **approved**:-

- Mrs Candice Fuge JP Illawarra & South East Region

CARRIED

6.15 Obedience & Tracking Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.16 Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.17 Public Relations Committee – 6/5/2020

6.17.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7.5: New Year’s Eve Show

MOVED R Britten

SECONDED J Seary

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

THAT the Public Relations Committee be approved to hold a New Year’s Eve Show on Thursday 31 December 2020 – if allowed under the COVID-19 restrictions.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED L Brown

THAT the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 6 May 2020 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.18 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

Meeting recessed @ 3.40pm

Meeting resumed @ 3.55pm

6.19 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited – 4/5/2020

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED J Seary

THAT the Minutes of RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited meeting held on 4 May 2020 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.20 Show Committee – 19/5/2020

6.20.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.3.25: Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Northern NSW

MOVED R Britten

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Northern NSW be approved to hold 2x virtual shows for fundraising for their 2021 overseas Judging panel, the dates of which are to be advised.

CARRIED

6.20.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 7: Application for Show Date**

MOVED P Cutler
SECONDED J Seary
THAT Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the Committee’s decisions in relation to Show Dates be approved.

CARRIED

6.20.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 8.1: Club Membership**

MOVED P Cutler
SECONDED R Britten
THAT Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT each Club must have an individual membership and financial records as required by DOGS NSW.

CARRIED

6.20.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 9.2: Showdog/Puppy/Neuter of the Year**

MOVED L Brown
SECONDED J Sheppard
THAT a refund of all advertising expenses for the 2020 DOTY/POTY/NOTY be given and that exhibitors be entitled to apply for a refund of their entry fee in its entirety.

CARRIED

6.20.5 **Recommendation 5 – Item 9.4: Suggested Amendments to Regulations Part II Show Pertaining To Agricultural Shows**

MOVED C Rafton
SECONDED J Seary
THAT Recommendation 5, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II Show, Section 2, Clause 2.6, which currently reads as follows:-

2.6 *A Show recognised by the Board of Directors and conducted by an Agricultural Association shall have at least four (4) sections, and unless the Dog Section of such Show is held concurrently with such Show, and not on a special day set aside for the purposes, approval to hold the Dog Section of such Show shall not be granted. (02/05)*

(a) *If, subsequent to DOGS NSW approval of a show to be conducted by an Agricultural Association, planned sections of the main show are formally cancelled by that Association, they may apply to the Board of Directors to conduct the Dog Section Show as scheduled, despite the absence of the requisite number of show sections actually being conducted at the show. Any such applications must detail the reasons for cancellation of the other Sections. (05/17)*

Be amended to read:

2.6 *A Show recognised by the Board of Directors and conducted by an Agricultural Association **which is an Associate Affiliate** shall have at least four (4) **other** sections. ~~and unless~~ **Unless** the Dog Section of such Show is held concurrently with such **Agricultural Show and on the same grounds, and not on a special day set aside for the purposes**, approval to hold the Dog Section ~~of such Show~~ shall not be granted. (05/20)*

- (a) *Nevertheless if, subsequent to DOGS NSW approval of a show to be conducted by an Agricultural Association, any or all planned sections of the main show are formally cancelled by that Association, they may apply to the Board of Directors to conduct the Dog Section Show as scheduled, despite the absence of the requisite number of show sections actually being conducted at the show. Any such applications must detail the reasons for cancellation of the other Sections. (05/20)*
- (b) *Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 2.2 above, an Agricultural Society may apply to have the Dog Section held either at a different venue or on a different day due to extenuating circumstances. In such situations the Show Committee will assess each such application independently and grant approval if considered appropriate. (05/20)*

CARRIED

R Britten, E Pickering against

6.20.6 **Recommendation 6 – Item 9.8: MOU between Dogs ACT & DOGS NSW regarding Venue Hire**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED J Seary

THAT Recommendation 6, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT a Working Party be formed to further investigate the proposal for an MOU between Dogs ACT and DOGS NSW regarding venue hire.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT Mr Simon Mills, of Dogs ACT, be advised that DOGS NSW is interested in the opportunity for a MOU and have formed a Working Party to assess the viability and advise in relation to the grounds.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED J Seary

THAT the following persons be appointed to the Working Party:-

- Mr John Sheppard (Convenor)
- Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc
- Mr Peter Cutler
- Mr Anthony Khamis

CARRIED

Directors were advised if they have any issues they should email them to the Convenor of the Working Party, Director John Sheppard.

6.20.7 **Recommendation 7 – Item 9.9: Complex Fundraising Working Party**

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED L Brown

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

THAT the Complex Fundraising Working Party membership be approved with the following members:-

- Mr Edward (Ted) Pickering (Convenor)
- Ms Brooke Turner
- Mrs Christine Cunningham
- Ms Donna Morris
- Mrs Megan Markotany
- Mr Gabor Markotany
- Mr Glenn Sparham
- Ms Mary Atkinson
- Mrs Nellie Abela
- Mrs Rebecca Preece-Pickering
- Ms Tracie Buckley

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 19 May 2020 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.21 **Sporting Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

6.22 **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet

7. **ANKC LTD MATTERS**

7.1 **Recognition of New Breed - Yakutian Laika**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the ANKC Ltd recognition of the new breed Yakutian Laika be **noted**.

CARRIED

7.2 **Electronic Motion #181 – Approval of Minutes of the National Obedience & Tracking Committee March 2020 Meeting**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT DOGS NSW **supports** the approval of the Minutes of the National Obedience & Tracking Committee March 2020 Meeting.

CARRIED

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 **T Mangan – Formation of a Unified National Body**

MOVED R Harbin

SECONDED R Britten

THAT the suggestion by Mr T Mangan in respect of the formation of a Unified National Body be **noted** and Mr Mangan be thanked for his input.

CARRIED

9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – NIL

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 DOGS NSW Endurance Test – 1st Sunday in August 2020

Directors discussed and agreed that the DOGS NSW Endurance Test scheduled for the first Sunday in August 2020 be cancelled due to inability to comply with social distancing rules when vetting dogs.

10.2 Zoom Conferencing

The meeting agreed that the first Zoom meeting of the Board had been a successful one, however, suggested more microphones be available for Directors who attend face to face.

10.3 Toy Rings – Car parking

The meeting was advised that fencing has been installed around the roadway at the Toy Rings to stop people parking which has caused a hazard in the past. The fencing will go right down to the Research & Education Building to stop any collisions with water tanks.

MEETING CLOSED: 4.47pm

NEXT MEETING: TBA