



**Presidents & Secretaries Meeting – Wednesday 18 October 2023  
Amenities Building – DOGS NSW Orchard Hills – 5.30pm**

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**AGENDA**

**5.30 PM      WELCOME**

**PURPOSE OF THE DAY**

DOGS NSW President

**Affiliates Attendance**

Dobermann Club of NSW Inc

- R Perry, President
- J Perry, Show Secretary/Representing Secretary

Finnish Lapphund Club of NSW Inc

- L Mills, President

4Ps All Toy Dog Club of NSW

- P Cutler, President
- S Oliver, Secretary

Hills Dog Club Inc

- C Hatly, President
- J Lamont, Secretary

North of the Harbour All Breeds Kennel Club Inc

- T Mangan, President

Australian Kelpie Club of NSW Inc

- M Price, President
- M Kain, Secretary

The Golden Retriever Club of NSW Inc

- P Middleton, Vice President
- D Stubbings, Secretary

Irish Wolfhound Club of NSW Inc

- M Paraskevopoulos, President
- V Johnson, Secretary

**Apologies**

## **5.45 PM KEY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1. Show Matters** Show Committee Representative
  - DOGS NSW Guidelines for Show Preparation
  - Timing of Shows/Insurance Issues
  - Declining Numbers at Shows
  - Neuter Classes
  - RNSWCC Representative Reporting
  - Latest Regulations
  - Complaints made on the day of the Show
  - Stewards Training
  - Returns after Shows
  - Aggressive Dogs
    - Workshop
    - Hearing of Aggressive Dog matters on the day of the Show
  
- 2. Booking Grounds/Amenities @ Orchard Hills** Operations Manager
  - Booking System (payments, issues & general overview)
  
- 3. Affiliate Renewal Invoices-Links to Member Accounts** Operations Manager
  
- 4. Affiliate Matters** Company Secretary
  - Club Management
  - Affiliate Constitutions
  - Affiliate Annual Reports
  
- 5. Complaints** Company Secretary

## **7.15 PM QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **6.1 Dobermann Club of NSW Inc**

“That affiliated Breed Clubs be permitted to open their Trials and Events, other than Championship Shows, to any Groups and/or Breeds at their discretion.” The rationale is mainly based on costs and a financial loss.

#### Response from the Obedience & Tracking Committee

The majority of All Breeds Clubs hold Obedience and Rally Trials at a loss, so even with an increase of entries it is unlikely the Dobermann Club would benefit financially. Specialty Clubs and most All Breeds Clubs do not make a profit from holding Trials, but they host them for the benefit of their members. For the Dobermann Club to be able to host an All Breeds Trial it will need a change to the regulations, such as this one:-

## SECTION 3: COMPETITION BY DOGS IN ASSOCIATE REGISTER

- 3.1c *a dog registered in the Associate Register is only eligible to compete in a Trial conducted by a Club which is not a Multi-Group, Group, Semi-Group or Specialist*

A Breed Specific Specialty Club is allowed to open to pure bred dogs of their Group. In this case it is Group 6. The Committee does not believe it is appropriate for the Dobermann Club, or any Club for that matter, to choose certain Breeds to their Committee's liking, other than what is allowed.

### 6.2 The Golden Retriever Club of NSW Inc

#### 6.2.1 Redesign of Judges Contracts

The current judge's contracts have green text, which, when printed are faint and difficult to read. As this goes through the communication chain to be printed, signed & scanned numerous times the contract ends up being almost unreadable when it's returned to our Club and then we in turn have to send an almost unreadable document to Dogs NSW. If Dogs NSW upgraded and use either DocuSign or Adobe Sign Systems this problem would be alleviated.

#### 6.2.2 DOGS NSW Forms Requiring Signatures

Currently most Dogs NSW forms require them to be printed off, signed, scanned & returned to Dogs NSW office. If Dogs NSW upgraded and use either DocuSign or Adobe Sign Systems this would make things easier for members.

#### 6.2.3 Show Results Allocated to Dogs within the DOGS NSW System

Currently there are 3 on line platforms, none at this time interface by dog at Dogs NSW. Ideally members should be able to go into the Dogs NSW system, look up their own dogs and see all show results for these dogs. This could then have the knock-on benefit of speeding up the process of claiming for titles as all the information would be within the Dogs NSW system. This could also have a trigger where Dogs NSW sent an email to a member telling them their dog was entitled to a receive a title by making payment.

#### 6.2.4 Increasing & Retaining New Exhibitors

Our members suggested a new class be implemented for All Breeds or Specialty shows that were restricted to new exhibitors. Something like the new class that has been introduced in England. The idea being that a new exhibitor could enter these classes for a period of time (not as per the current Novice dog class, which only allows the dog to be entered into the class until it wins one first place). Our members believe helping new exhibitors win a number of ribbons has a greater chance of retaining them.