

MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 13 November 2024** commencing at 2.00pm.

PARTICIPATION:

L Brand	K Charnock
S Oliver	G Vernon (by Zoom)
A McIra	A Moy
S McFadden	S Hannigan
L Brown	J Bryson
C Rafton	N Curwen
K Hedberg BVSc	V Harris
G Spagnolo	

IN ATTENDANCE: V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary), L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)
For part of meeting: A Khamis (Operations Manager), D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer)

APOLOGIES: NIL

The President welcomed the incoming Directors Vickie Harris and Neil Curwen to the Board table.

A. Recording of Board Meeting

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED J Bryson

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

IN CAMERA

B. 2024 ELECTIONS

- **President**
- **Executive Committee**
- **Senior Vice President**
- **Committee Chairs/Working Party Convenors**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT all **voting** in the 2024 Elections be **by poll**.

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MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Operations Manager and Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator **act as scrutineers.**

CARRIED

President L Brand vacated the Chair @ 2.01pm

Returning Officer took the Chair @ 2.01pm

A.1 Chairman

Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Lyn Brand** was elected as **Chairman**.

The Returning Officer vacated the chair @ 2.05pm

President L Brand took the chair as President @ 2.16pm

A.2 Executive Committee

On close of the nominations for the Executive Committee, the following Directors were elected as Deputy Chairmen to make up the **Executive Committee**:-

- **S Hannigan**
- **S Oliver**
- **J Bryson**
- **S McFadden**

A.3 Senior Deputy Chairperson

There being no other nominations, **Stephen Oliver** was elected as **Senior Deputy Chairman**.

A.4 Committee Chairs/Working Party Convenors

A.4.1 Agility Committee

There being no other nominations, **Robyne Patterson** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Agility Committee**.

A.4.2 Agility Judges Committee

There being no other nominations, **Jenny Taylor** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Agility Judges Committee**.

A.4.3 Aggressive Dogs Committee

There being no other nominations, **Pauline Hartwell** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Aggressive Dogs Committee**.

A.4.3.1 Responsibility for Breed Assessors & Temperament Testing

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the responsibility for **Breed Assessors/Assessment and Temperament Testers/Testing** be moved to the Aggressive Dogs Committee.

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- A.4.4 **Breed Standards Committee**
Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Wayne Burton** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Breed Standards Committee**.
- A.4.5 **Compliance Investigative Panel**
There being no other nominations, **Guy Spagnolo** was elected as **Chair** of the **Compliance Investigative Panel**.
- A.4.6 **Constitution & Regulations Working Party**
There being no other nominations, **Carrie Paine** was elected as **Convenor** of the **Constitution & Regulations Working Party**.
- A.4.7 **DOGS NSW Canine Health & Welfare Committee**
There being no other nominations, **Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc** was elected as **Chair** of the **DOGS NSW Canine Health & Welfare Committee**.
- A.4.8 **Finance Committee**
There being no other nominations, **Ross Sinclair** was elected as **Chair** of the **Finance Committee**.
- A.4.9 **Grounds Development Committee**
There being no other nominations, **Sue McFadden** was elected as **Chair** of the **Grounds Development Committee**.
- A.4.10 **Honours Working Party**
There being no other nominations, **Guy Spagnolo** was elected as **Convenor** of the **Honours Working Party**.
- A.4.11 **Judges Committee**
There being no other nominations **J Bryson** was elected as **Chair** of the **Judges Committee**.
- A.4.12 **Judicial Panel Co-ordinator**
There being no other nominations **Sue McFadden** was elected as **Judicial Panel Co-ordinator**.
- A.4.13 **Library & Archives Committee**
There being no other nominations **Maria Wheeler** was elected as **Chair** of the **Library & Archives Committee**.
- A.4.14 **Media & Government Legislation Committee**
Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Lyn Brand** was elected as **Chair** of the **Media & Government Legislation Committee**.

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A.4.15 Members Education Committee

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Members Education Committee be **moved to a Working Party** and Stephen Oliver be appointed as Convenor.

CARRIED

A.4.16 Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee

There being no other nominations **Pauline Hartwell** was elected as **Chair** of the **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee**.

A.4.17 Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee

There being no other nominations, **Kyle Charnock** was elected as **Chair** of the **Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee**.

A.4.18 Public Relations Committee

There being no other nominations, **Angus McIlrath** was elected as **Chair** of the **Public Relations Committee**.

A.4.19 Regional Committees Working Party

Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Vickie Harris** was elected as **Convenor** of the **Regional Committees Working Party**.

A.4.20 Retrieving & Field Trials (RAFT) Committee

There being no other nominations, **Brad Leggett** was elected as **Chair** of the **Retrieving & Field Trials Committee**.

A.4.21 Serious Animal Welfare Committee

There being no other nominations, **Deirdre Crofts** was elected as **Chair** of the **Serious Animal Welfare Committee**.

A.4.22 Show Committee

Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Stephen Oliver** was elected as **Chair** of the **Show Committee**.

A.4.22 Sporting Committee

There being no other nominations, **Angus McIlrath** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Sporting Committee**.

A.4.24 Spring Fair Dog Show Committee

There being no other nominations, **Christina Rafton** was elected as **Chair** of the **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.2 Electronic Motion – 21/10/2024 – Lure Coursing – Muzzles

1.2.1 Correspondence from J Winders

1.2.2 Email from Director L Brown

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows:-

THAT the policy of dogs being required to wear muzzles when participating in Lure Coursing events be re-considered at the November 2024 Board Meeting.

BE AMENDED TO READ

THAT the Board enforce a policy that all hounds competing in the Open or Field Champion Classes in a Brace or Trio are required to wear a muzzle whilst participating in Lure Coursing events.

CARRIED

unanimously

The meeting agreed that this policy should be incorporated into the Regulations using the same wording as adopted by Dogs Australia at its October 2024 meeting as follows:-

*Effective 1 January ****2026**, all hounds competing in the Open or Field Champion Classes in a Brace or Trio are required to wear a muzzle. Muzzles must be firm and with sufficient strength to prevent injury, A correctly fitted muzzle should be 2-2.5cm clear of the nose and with a depth sufficient for breathing and panting. Muzzles can be made from plastic, nylon or similar material.*

and, this information should be notified to members in the Weekly Woof along with a suitable rationale. Such notice **must be approved** by the President and Senior Vice President **prior to publication**.

1.3 Electronic Meeting – 25/10/2024

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Minutes of the Electronic Meeting held on 25 October 2024 be **confirmed**.

CARRIED

1.4 Electronic Motion–1/11/2024 – M&GL Minutes 31/10/2024

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Minutes of the Electronic Motion held on 1 November 2024 be **confirmed**.

CARRIED

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2. PRIORITY MATTERS

2.1 **Strategic Planning**

2.2 **Orchard Hills Lease**

3. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

3.1 **Executive Committee Decisions**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the following Executive Committee Decisions, which read as follows, be **endorsed**:-

3.1.1 **ECD 8/2024: Media & Government Legislations Committee Minutes
23/10/2024**

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

THAT DOGS NSW accepts the final Media Release as proposed by the Media & Government Legislation Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday 23 October 2024 and attached at **ANNEXURE A**.

AND

THAT the Minutes of the urgent meeting of the Media & Government Legislation Committee held on 23 October 2024 be received.

CARRIED

3.2 **Operations Manager's Report**

(Refer Item 3.3-Finance Committee Minutes)

3.3 **Finance Committee – 22/10/2024**

3.3.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 30 September 2024**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

THAT the Financial Statements as @ 30 September 2024 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown ABSTAINED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 22 October 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brown ABSTAINED

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4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 J Vella – 2025 National RAFT Judges

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the correspondence from Mr J Vella in respect of the 2025 National RAFT Judges be **REFERRED** back to the Chair of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee to hold a meeting with Mr Joe Vella with Directors Vickie Harris & Kyle Charnock in attendance to discuss the matter further.

CARRIED

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

G Vernon left the meeting @ 3.44pm

5.3 Registered Breeder Logo

(Refer Item 5.5-BOD Minutes 9/10/2024)

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT the Board **accepts** the updated two Approved Breeder logos as presented.

CARRIED

5.5 Insurance Related Matters – Club Volunteers

(Refer Item 3.2.1-BOD Minutes 9/10/2024)

5.5.1 Correspondence between Operations Manager & Honorary Solicitor

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the correspondence between the Operations Manager and the Honorary Solicitor (M McDonald) in relation to insurance for Club Volunteers be **noted**.

CARRIED

5.5.2 Public Liability/Voluntary Workers Personal Accident Policy

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT the Board **accepts the advice** of the DOGS NSW Insurance Broker dated 25 October 2024.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed @ 4.00pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.20pm

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5.9 **Regional Committee Events – Illawarra & South East Region**
(Refer Item 2.1.1.2-BOD Minutes 14/8/2024)

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the information in relation to Regional Committee Events provided by the DOGS NSW Illawarra & South East Region be **noted**.

CARRIED

6. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

OPEN MEETING

7. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

8. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

****Monthly Reports received to date were distributed to Directors via the next Electronic Board Agenda with the following exceptions:-**

8.1 **Agility Committee – 16/9/2024**

8.1.1 **Recommendation 1 - Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

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

THAT the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 16 September 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.2 **Agility Judges Committee – 5/11/2024**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 5 November 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

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8.3A **Conformation Judges Training Committee**

8.3A.1 **Meeting 24/7/2024**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 24 July 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.3A.2 **Meeting 25/9/2024**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 25 September 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.3B **CJEP Examinations Committee**

8.3B.1 **Appointment of Assessors**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT approval be granted to the CJEP Examinations Committee to **appoint any Accredited Assessor** in an emergency situation.

CARRIED

K Charnock, S Hannigan, J Bryson, V Harris, N Curwen ABSTAINED

8.4 **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee – 21/10/2024**

8.4.1 **Recommendation 1 - Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates be approved.

CARRIED

8.4.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 8.1: GSDL Rings - Upgrade**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the request from the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee to upgrade the GSDL Rings be **REFERRED** to the Operations Manager and the Grounds Supervisor.

CARRIED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 21 October 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

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8.5 Show Committee – 16/10/2024

8.5.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 3.1: Aggressive Dogs

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED K Hedberg

THAT Recommendation 1 **NOT** be approved as this is now the responsibility of the Aggressive Dogs Committee.

CARRIED

8.5.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 3.7: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 10: Prizes & Prize Money, Clause 10.4(b) - Open Show Prizes

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED J Bryson

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II- Show, Section 10: Prizes & Prize Money, Clause 10.4(b) - Open Show Prizes, which reads as follows:-

10.4 **(08/17)** *An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it.*

(b) *At an All Breeds Parade, Open Show or Sanction Show and a Breed Specialty Championship Show held under the regulations the following shall apply:-*

(i) *There shall be at least one Trophy, Cash or Voucher and Sash or Rosette, for each in Show Award as follows (07/24):-*

<i>Trophy Minimum Value</i>	
<i>Best in Show</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Runner Up Best in Show</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>All Classes in show</i>	<i>\$8.00</i>
<i>Best Neuter in Show</i>	<i>\$8.00</i>
<i>Runner Up Neuter in Show and Neuter Class in Show</i>	<i>Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show.</i>
<i>*Vouchers are to be claimed within six (6) months or value of voucher will be returned to Club (07/24)</i>	

(ii) *There shall be at least one trophy for each 'In Group' Award as follows: (02/11)*

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Trophy Minimum Value	
Best in Group	\$10.00
Runner Up Best in Group	\$5.00
All Classes in Group	\$5.00
Best Neuter in Group	\$5.00
Runner Up Best Neuter in Group and Neuter Class in Group	Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show.

Be amended to read:-

10.4 **(08/17)** An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it.

(b) At an All Breeds Parade, Open Show or Sanction Show and a Breed Specialty ~~Championship Show~~ held under the regulations the following shall apply **(11/24):-**

(i) There shall be at least one Trophy, Cash or Voucher and Sash or Rosette, for each in Show Award as follows **(07/24):-**

Trophy Minimum Value	\$15.00 (11/24)
Best in Show	\$10.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$10.00
All Classes in show	\$8.00
Best Neuter in Show	\$8.00
Runner Up Neuter in Show and Neuter Class in Show	Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show.
*Vouchers are to be claimed within six (6) months or value of voucher will be returned to Club (07/24)	

(ii) ~~There shall be at least one trophy for each 'In Group' Award as follows~~ is at the discretion of the Affiliate: **(11/24)**

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Trophy Minimum Value	
Best in Group	\$10.00
Runner Up Best in Group	\$5.00
All Classes in Group	\$5.00
Best Neuter in Group	\$5.00
Runner Up Best Neuter in Group and Neuter Class in Group	Trophy, and a sash or rosette, given at discretion of the Affiliate running the show.

CARRIED

8.5.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 3.7: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 10: Prizes & Prize Money, Clause 10.4(b) - Open Show Prizes**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II- Show, Section 10: Prizes & Prize Money, Clause 10.4(a) - Open Show Prizes, which reads as follows:-

10.4 **(08/17)** *An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it.*

(a) *At an All Breeds Championship Show and a *Group Championship Show held under the Regulations the following shall apply:-*

(i) *There shall be at least one Trophy, Cash or Voucher and a Sash or Rosette, for each 'in Show' Award as follows (09/24):-*

Be amended to read:-

10.4 **(08/17)** *An Affiliate shall be responsible for each prize or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at a Show conducted by it.*

(a) *At an All Breeds, **Semi Specialty and Breed Specialty** ~~Championship Show and a *Group~~ Championship Shows held under the Regulations the following shall apply **(11/24):-***

CARRIED

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8.5.4 **Note For Board – Item 7: Approval of Show Dates**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc
SECONDED A McIlrath
THAT the Board **notes** the Committee’s decisions in relation to approval of Show Dates.

CARRIED

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc
SECONDED A McIlrath
THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 16 October 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.6 **Sporting Committee - 17/9/2024**

8.5.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Approval of Trial/Test Dates**

MOVED G Spagnolo
SECONDED S Oliver
THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the Committee’s decisions in relation to approval of Trial/Test Dates be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED K Charnock
SECONDED S Oliver
THAT the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

9. **DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS** – NIL

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - NIL

MEETING CLOSED: 5.25PM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11 December 2024 commencing @ 2.00pm



**A CHRISTMAS LUNCH WILL BE HELD
PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING
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