MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 11 December 2024** commencing at 2.00pm.

PARTICIPATION: L Brand K Charnock

S Oliver G Vernon
S Hannigan A McIrath
J Bryson A Moy
S McFadden N Curwen

G Spagnolo V Harris (by Zoom)

K Hedberg BVSc

IN ATTENDANCE: V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary), L Hadley (Committee

Secretary/Examinations Administrator)

For part of meeting: D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer) by Zoom

APOLOGIES: L Brown, C Rafton

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

A. Recording of Board Meeting

MOVED S Hannigan

SECONDED S Oliver

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 Electronic Meeting - 29/11/2024

MOVED S McFadden SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Electronic Meeting held on 29 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

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
- 3.2 Operations Manager's Report

(Refer Item 3.3-Finance Committee Minutes)

- 3.3 Finance Committee 28/11/2024
 - 3.3.1 Recommendation 1 Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 31 October 2024

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT the Financial Statements as @ 31 October 2024 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

K Charnock ABSTAINED

3.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 9.1: Royal Canin Sponsorship

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED J Bryson

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

THAT DOGS NSW accepts the Sponsorship Agreement between Royal Canin and DOGS NSW based on the agreed donation of Marquees and reduced bag sizes.

CARRIED

K Charnock, G Vernon, N Curwen ABSTAINED

3.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 10.1.1: Installation of Lighting at the SprintDog[™] Racing Track

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Vernon

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

THAT the Board approve installation of lighting in the race track area from All Class Electrical with the cost being a loan to the SprintDog[™] Working Party that will need to be repaid.

CARRIED

K Charnock ABSTAINED

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

3.3.4 Recommendation 4 – Item 10.1.2: Request by Member, Tessa Peacock, to relax Camping Cancellation Policy.

MOVED S Hannigan

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the Camping Cancellation Policy be amended to reduce the notification period to seven (7) days and the \$10 administration fee for cancellation be retained.

CARRIED

K Charnock ABSTAINED

3.3.5 Recommendation 5 – Item 10.3: Sale of Sheep

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED A Moy

THAT Recommendation 5, which reads as follows, be **approved:- THAT** the NSW Herding Association be approved to sell the sheep.

CARRIED

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED S McFadden

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 28 November 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

K Charnock ABSTAINED

3.4 Compliance Investigative Panel

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

3.5 Judges Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

D Crofts joined the meeting @ 3.02pm

3.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report - October 2024

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for November 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

D Crofts left the meeting @ 3.05pm

3.6.3 **Serious Animal Welfare Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

3.7 Company Secretary's Report

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A Moy

THAT the Company Secretary's Report be received.

CARRIED

3.9 CJEP Examinations Committee - 4/12/2024

3.9.1.5 Recommendation 5 – Congratulations to Co-ordinators – Dogs for Utility, Working & Non-Sporting Groups

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT the Co-ordinators who organised the dogs for the Utility, Working Dog and Non-Sporting Group practical examinations be congratulated for their efforts in obtaining appropriate dogs for such an examination.

CARRIED

G Vernon, K Charnock, S Hannigan, N Curwen, V Harris ABSTAINED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED A Moy

THAT the Minutes of the CJEP Examinations Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

G Vernon, K Charnock, S Hannigan, N Curwen, V Harris ABSTAINED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS - NIL

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.2 Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of NSW Inc - Training Bite Sports

(Refer Item 5.8-BOD Minutes 13/11/2024)

AMENDMENT 1

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT, additionally, the Honorary Solicitor, Mr Malcolm McDonald, be requested to revise the previous decision of the Board regarding attack training and members should be referred to the Dogs Australia Policy on Website

AMENDMENT 2

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT "Attack Work" be described as any activity that includes training inciting or permitting a dog to bite or attack another person, animal or article worn or attached to a person.

The **AMENDMENTS** became the Motion and the Motin was

CARRIED

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

We Value:

Advocacy, Education, Responsible Breeding, and Engagement.

Meeting recessed @ 3.27pm Meeting resumed @ 3.45pm

5.4 Committee/Working Party Appointments – Regional Committees Working Party (Refer Electronic Motion 26/11/2024)

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED A Moy

THAT the following persons be approved as members of the Regional Committees Working Party:-

- Mr Neil Curwen
- Mr Glen Vernon
- Mr Simon Mills
- Mrs Michelle Hurcum
- Ms Stephanie McColl

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 Judges Committee - 3/12/2024

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 3 December 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.2 Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee

8.2.1 **Meeting 15/11/2024**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 15 November 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

8.2.2 **Meeting 2/12/2024**

8.2.2.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

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

CARRIED

8.2.2.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.7: SpringDog™ Track

MOVED S Oliver SECONDED A Moy

THAT Recommendation 2, be **<u>DEFERRED</u>** awaiting input from the Operations Manager and consideration being given to a more suitable name given the issue with the Greyhound racing.

CARRIED

8.2.2.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 8.7: SpringDog™ Rules Review

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED A Moy

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

THAT the combined proposal of the Rules review of SprintDog[™] from the SprintDog[™] Working Party be sent to Dogs Australia.

CARRIED

8.2.2.4 Recommendation 4 – Item 8.12: Rally Rules Review

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the National Obedience Committee be asked if Dogs Queensland's submissions are valid due to them not having a meeting for their own members to vote.

CARRIED

MOVED S Oliver SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 2 December 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

8.3 Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee – 3/12/2024

8.3.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 1: Dances With Dogs & Trick Dog Practical Examinations

MOVED N Curwen SECONDED V Harris **THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT the following members be placed on the Dogs Australia Judges list:-

Sally Hopkins Trick
Carolyn Jensen Trick
Nadia Badger DWD
Margarite Frost DWD
Rachel Tiah DWD

CARRIED

MOVED S Oliver SECONDED A Moy

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee meeting held on 3 December 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.4 Public Relations Committee-19/11/2024

8.4.1 Item 6.1: Community Sports Day – Saturday 22 March 2025 – 10.00am to 3.00pm

8.4.1.1 Recommendation 1 - Approval to Conduct Event

MOVED K Charnock SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc **THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT the Public Relations Committee be approved to hold a Canine Sports

Spectacular on Saturday 22 March 2025.

CARRIED

8.4.1.2 Recommendation 2 – Invitation to Vendors

MOVED G Vernon SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the Public Relations Committee be approved to invite outside vendors (not in competition with permanent vendors), including food vendors, to the Canine Sports Spectacular event on Saturday 22 March 2024.

CARRIED

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

8.4.2 Recommendation 3 – Item 6.2: Stackable Portable Chairs for Events

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED K Charnock

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

THAT DOGS NSW purchase 150 stackable chairs to be used at DOGS NSW events at Orchard Hills and quote be prepared for consideration by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

8.4.3 Recommendation 4 – Item 6.3: Membership Welcome Pack

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT a welcome pack be emailed to new members/breeders of DOGS NSW.

CARRIED

8.4.4 Recommendation 5 – Item 6.4: Regional Representatives in Public Relations Committee

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED N Curwen

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

THAT Directors from each Region be asked to appoint a Representative from their Region to join the Public Relations Committee.

CARRIED

G Vernon AGAINST

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 19 November 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.5 **Show Committee – 20/11/2024**

8.5.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 4.1: Conduct of Group Shows

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT Recommendation1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the format for Group Shows detailed on Annexure A of the November Show Committee Minutes be approved.

CARRIED

8.5.2 Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Show Dates

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Board **notes** the Committee's decisions in relation to approval of Show Dates.

CARRIED

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.

We Value:

Advocacy, Education, Responsible Breeding, and Engagement.

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 20 November 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.6 Media & Government Legislation Committee - 3/12/2024

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 3 December 2024 be **received**.

CARRIED

9. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS

9.1 Resignation of Director J Robinson

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT DOGS NSW notes the resignation of Director Jan Robinson from the Dogs Australia Board of Directors.

CARRIED

9.2 Dogs Australia February 2025 Special Board Meeting – Closing Date for Agenda

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT DOGS NSW notes the closing date, being 13 December 2024, for submission for Agenda items for the Dogs Australia February 2025 Special Board Meeting.

CARRIED

**Refer Item 5.6 above

10. CORRESPONDENCE - NIL

MEETING CLOSED: 5.13pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5 February 2025 @ 2.00pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE:

- NO meeting in January
- February meeting brought forward to 1st Wednesday

PURELY DOGS

Advancing responsible dog ownership and wellbeing, for families and the community.