

Draft Minutes - Subject to approval at October Committee Meeting

**AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON 1st September 2008 BY TELEPHONE HOOKUP.**

Present: Glenn Pritchard, Ian Kendt, Leoney Pritchard, Brian Lindsay, Rosie Milton, Jenny Millar, Eric van Zuyden, Richard Mellon, Penny Lloyd, Kylie White, Jess McNamara and Lyn Clyde.

Apologies: Pat Byrne, Catherine Saberton, Ilona Van Galen

Meeting Opened at 7.40 pm and President welcomed all Members of the new Committee. Secretary reported that he had been advised that Greg Canham had decided to resign as Tasmania Representative. Indication had been received that Maureen Williamson was supported by the Tasmanian members as his replacement and that she was willing to join Committee. The Committee Agreed to invite Maureen to become the Tas Rep..

ITEM – Allocation of Jobs.

President called for volunteers for the normal positions. After discussion following appointments agreed:

Flying Times Editors – Ilona Van Galen and Penny Lloyd;
Webmaster and Asst Webmaster – Leoney Pritchard and Jess McNamara
Titles and Awards- Eric van Zuyden;
Public Officer – Kylie White
Acting Qld Rep – Brian Lindsay;
Dog Incident Sub Committee – Rosie, Eric, Ian and Jenny
Rules Sub Committee – Rosie, Ian, Richard, Jenny, and Penny,

ITEM - “Starred” Items.

The following Items were ‘starred’ for adoption without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of Meeting of 4th August 2008
- 2) Accounts for payment
- 3) Membership renewals

Moved and Seconded that the above Agenda Items be adopted. CARRIED

ITEM – Treasurers Report

Secretary advised Treasurer was ill and an apology for Meeting but had advised current bank balance was \$11 167.63 and that she would circulate a full August end of month report as soon as possible.

ITEM - Sanctioned Events

Following Events Approved:

Comp. – Ballarat Dog Club – Santa Ball – Sat 6th December- Victoria Park Ballarat
Comp. – RNAS – Canberra Show – 28th Feb and 1st March – Canberra
Change of Date – Sun and Fun Comp postponed till 13th December 2008.

ITEM - New Members

Following new members approved:

Megan Fromholtz
David Bailey
Kelly Wise
Naomi Edwards.
Warren Trinder
Debra Tegerdine
Gemma Varlow
Kathy Simic
Annette Holsted
Bradley Sandy.
Heidi Hellriegel
Robin McLeod.
Sally Hunt.

ITEM - Correspondence.

Following correspondence noted for discussion:

- Several letters and emails between AFA and ANKC regarding issues associated with the Agreement, including matter of claimed conflict of interest between Constitutions preventing Clubs from being members of both bodies and issue of Rules Amendments going to AFA AGM being outside of Agreement. ANKC had indicated matters needed to be taken up by AFA with involved State Bodies.
- Subsequent correspondence between Dogs S.A. and AFA regarding the claimed issue of conflict of interest. Executive Officer of Dogs S.A. advised conflict arose as a result of the S.A. Associations Incorporation legislation preventing a Club from being affiliated with more than one other Body. Reply from AFA, after contact with the S.A. Department of Business and Consumer affairs, indicating that there was no such restriction in the S.A. Legislation and suggesting they contact Department to confirm.

Agreed that Secretary should now follow up Dogs S.A. for reply and should also advise Catherine as S.A. Rep that AFA saw no conflict of interest and had so advised both ANKC and Dogs S.A.

i) ITEM - Administrative Matters.

- Stewards and Timekeepers Exams. Rosie reported that the following members had passed the Stewards Exam: Liz Bandy; Noella Smith and Penny Lloyd.

ITEM - Matters arising from 2008 AGM discussions.

- Action was now needed to inform members of the Rule and Policy motions adopted at AGM. There was also a need to obtain a legal interpretation of the wording in the AFA Constitution re the 75% majority vote and in particular whether indication of abstaining was a "vote". Eric agreed to seek the necessary legal opinion from a Solicitor he knew on Board of Dogs Victoria. Secretary indicated he would prepare a notice to go on Web and to be sent to all Clubs and Judges advising of new Rules. Generally agreement that until the legal opinion was obtained and considered regarding how to decide tied results the Rule adopted via the Postal Ballot should apply at Competitions. It was noted that reprinting of the Red Rule Book would involve a major exercise given the number of amendments, including the 50 plus minor editorial changes already identified. Process to prepare draft of changes to Red Book to be discussed at next Meeting. Suggestion made that in reprint we should remove sections dealing with competition draw examples and transfer these to web. Suggestion that all AFA approved Policies should be in next Rule Book print. General agreement with these suggestions.
- Noted that the new "On trial" Rule for dog jump height determination would involve the AFA specifying an approved ,common style, measuring device that would be used in all States. In discussion Rosie suggested that after using the US Wicket she felt that the design could be improved by having the height reading at the top of the bar rather than at bottom. She also was of the view that the device could be produced by a local steel working firm at a cost less than importing from US. Moved and Seconded that Rosie be authorized to obtain quotes for production of 5 (or possibly 6) wickets of similar design to US but with top measure. It was noted that the new height adjustment did not come into effect till 1st November and until that time the status quo prevailed.
- Webmaster asked to post details of new life member to web (Penny to provide photo).
- A discussion of possible ways to improve the AGM process was deferred to next Meeting.

- A Email input from Ilona suggesting that the AFA obtain a legal input on total wording of Constitution was deferred to next meeting.

President thanked all those who had been involved in preparing for the AGM and especially the Secretary who had been heavily involved in all arrangements and paperwork.

ITEM - General Business

a) Report of Rules Sub Committee

Secretary reported that Rules Sub Committee had not yet considered the latest forfeit rules review. Whilst the Sub Committee had reached general agreement in most areas there was still the need to draft and clear a rewording of Chapter 7. Richard offered to circulate the earlier reports on Forfeit Rules to the new Committee. Rosie indicated she would call a Meeting of the Sub Committee before the October Committee meeting.

Rosie also indicated she was still to document and circulate her suggested approach for determining Division splits where there was not such an obvious split or there were limited teams in a Division.

b) Dog incident Sub Committee- Black Card Incident at Albury Comp.

Rosie indicated she would now call the Dog Incident Sub Committee together to discuss this incident. The Secretary reminded Committee dog was suspended till matter decided so there was a need for early action. Agreed.

c) Submission from Purina re sponsorship of Supercoat Challenge at Sydney Royal Show In 2009 and 2010 and interest in hosting 2011 National Championships as part of Sydney Royal.

Richard reported he had 6 members from 4 Sydney Clubs who had indicated an interest in being part of the Sydney Royal Competition organizing Committee. Secretary advised this had been advise to Purina. Agreed Richard should contact Purina to set up first Joint meeting. Secretary to provide contact details for Purina to Richard.

d) Stage 3 of Web Site Development.

Webmaster reported she had obtained a quote for Stage 3 of web upgrade. Web designer suggested it be done in two bites. The first related to improvements to allow on line Form processing and payments of membership fees direct to AFA Account. Quote for this stage was \$1450. Moved and Seconded that Webmaster be authorize to proceed with Stage three part one at a cost of \$1450. CARRIED

ITEM Other Business

- President reported on a submission he had received to stage a Sydney based commercial dog spectacular that could involve Flyball as well as other dog activities. He had been asked by the originator to keep details of the event strictly CONFIDENTIAL within the AFA Committee. He undertook to circulate the proposal on the basis that it was a Committee Confidential document at this time. AGREED.

- Eric raised matter of possibility of Clubs who won annual awards getting a certificate in recognition. Agreed. President to send Eric a possible format for the Certificate design.

- Question asked –is the Secretary getting emails addressed to Info @flyball . Answer yes – quite a few. One member had recently indicated she had sent a message that did not get answered. Secretary indicated that he had asked Webmaster to produce a test message. She had sent two and both had arrived. Webmaster had removed a“Spam” restriction on the address just in case some messages were being eliminated as spam. This would need to be monitored to ensure that volume of spam was manageable.

- Question asked – do we still award Life Members with Plaque and Badge. Answer yes – Kylie to check with the trophy shop in ACT and order three for recent life members.

- Need for clarification of use of “soft balls” had been raised at last competition - on basis that the soft balls did not bounce as high as a tennis ball. Secretary indicated he has tested both Tennis and Squash balls (as both are approved under rules) in comparison to a range of soft balls. Result indicated soft balls bounced much higher than the squash ball but not as high as a tennis ball. Eric indicated rule only required the balls to bounce and roll – not to bounce as high as a tennis ball.

Next Meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 6th October 2008.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed as a true record.
President