

DRAFT (Subject to approval at 2009 AGM)
MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 30th AUGUST 2008

The Meeting opened at 7.14pm EST with telephone connections to the following 10 venues:

A.C.T. – CDC Clubhouse – Organiser Lyn Clyde
Victoria - Croydon - Organiser Eric Van Zuyden
Keilor Obedience Dog Training Club – Organiser Terry Hunter
Ballarat Dog Obedience Club – Organiser Bill Reynolds
Sydney - Spastic Centre – Organiser Richard Mellon
Southern Sydney – Shellharbour – Organiser Joanne Drake
Queensland – Autolec Offices – Organiser Keith Fidler
South Australia – 26 Light Terrace - Organiser Catherine Saberton
Tasmania – Agricultural Society Offices - Organiser Dot Baverstock
Albury/ Wodonga - 10 Chervil Place Baranduda – Organiser Julie Walker

Attendance of Members – 108 members as per the venue attendance sheets.
Apologies –President asked that apologies be noted on venue sheets at each location.

Item 1. Minutes of 2006/07 AGM

Moved Glenn Pritchard, Seconded Terry Hunter that the 2006/07 AGM Minutes is accepted as read. CARRIED

Item 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil matters arising.

Item 3. Presidents Report.

Glenn Pritchard read his 2007/08 Presidents Report, which was available for members to read on the AFA web.

Item 4 Financial Statements and Auditors Report.

The Treasurer introduced the 2007/08 AFA Financial Statements and the accompanying Auditors Report and invited any comments or questions. No questions or comments.

Moved Patricia Byrnes, Seconded Noella Smith that the Financial Reports be accepted. CARRIED.

Item 5 Consideration of Measuring report.

Item deferred to be taken with Member Motion number 1 that also related to jump heights.

Item 6 Notification of appointed Returning Officer.

The Secretary advised the Meeting that the AFA Committee had appointed Ms. Tracey Lesslie as Returning Officer. Ms. Lesslie was not a Member or Associate Member of the AFA.

At this point in the Meeting the President asked if the venue scrutineers could advise their head count of eligible voting members. At time of count the following members were present:

Sydney	34
Southern Sydney	3
Keilor	6
Croydon	17
Ballarat	9
Queensland	8
Tasmania	3
Albury	8
S.A.	9
CDC	5
TOTAL	102

(Note 6 additional members joined the Meeting after the above count had been taken).

Item 7. Announcement of results of postal Rules ballots

The President asked the Secretary to read the results of the postal ballot for the 10 Rule/ policy changes. The Secretary advised the meeting that the AFA Returning officer had received and counted all Ballots and that all 10 Motions had received the required 50% plus majority needed for adoption. The individual results were:

Motion 1 Champion Trophy Rules motion adopted – 64 Votes for to 9 against
Motion 2 Breakout Rule motion adopted – 68 Votes for to 6 against
Motion 3 Points and Interference Rule motion adopted – 71 votes for to 2 against
Motion 4 Minor editorial changes motion adopted – 40 votes for to 34 against
Motion 5 Centre Line in ring to be marked motion adopted – 69 votes for to 5 against
Motion 6 Round robin Divisional winner process motion adopted – 42 votes for to 31 against
Motion 7 Cross between start finish line motion adopted – 68 votes for to 6 against
Motion 8 Privacy policy motion adopted – 73 votes for to 1 against
Motion 9 Dog Behaviour Policy motion adopted 69 votes for to 5 against
Motion 10 AFA Training Day Policy motion adopted.- 72 votes for to 2 against.

The Secretary indicated the new Rules and Policies would be included in the Official Rules and Policies document (Red Book) at the next reprint and pending that the Committee would arrange to issue a notice to all Clubs and Judges advising of the rule wording adopted.

Item 5 Consideration of Measuring report. (Earlier deferred).

The President introduced the Report prepared after the Committee had considered both the Sub Committee Reports on Measuring and the very limited comments received from members on the Sub committee Reports after they had been placed on the Web for member input. The Committee's Report recommended no change in measuring process or jump heights from the status quo at this time. The President also pointed out that there was a Member Motion before the Meeting dealing with measuring. The President invited comment or questions on the various Measuring reports.

No questions or comments.

The Meeting agreed to move to the Member Motion on this subject.

Item 8. Member Motion Ballots.

The President indicated that there had been 2 Resolutions submitted by members for ballot. They had been received within the time specified in the Constitution .The wording of each proposed resolution had been posted to the AFA Web site and was also printed in hard copy in the Meeting papers. He advised that under the AFA Constitution these Motions require a 75% majority of members present and voting at AGM in order to be carried.

Resolution 1. Jump Heights Motion – Wording as indicated in AGM Papers and on the AFA Web site. Motion Moved by Eric van Zuyden. In introducing his Motion Eric indicated that he wished to modify the wording by deleting the requirement for dogs with a 14 inch height card to be re-measured. The Secretary was asked to read the amended section of the Motion. Secretary read final paragraph of Motion that now would read:

“ Implementation of above Rules to involve an automatic downward adjustment by 25.4mm (1 inch) of existing height card measurements of dogs in the range 304.8 mm (8 inch jump height dog) to 457.2 mm (14 inch jump height dog). Members to have option of having any dog re measured using the new standard wickets if they prefer.”

Ian Ferguson Seconded motion as amended.

The President invited speakers for or against Motion.

Sheryl Lindsay spoke against the Motion on the grounds that it was not fair to dogs with a height measure below 8 inches as they did not receive the one inch reduction. In other words our smallest dogs get no reduction. She asked the Mover if he was willing to amend his Motion to include a reduction to 6 inch Jump height for dogs currently measured at 7 inches. Eric indicated he was not willing to amend the Motion in this way.

Pat Byrne suggested that the Motion should not include the requirement for the AFA to purchase 5 new wickets until we had more experience with the one such wicket just purchased for trial.

Trent Shepherd suggested that Eric consider amending his Motion to remove the introduction date of 1st November and to provide that the reduction in jump height would not come into effect until the AFA specified the approved criteria for the standard measuring wicket. (Eric initially agreed to amend his Motion but following consideration decided not to accept this suggestion and to leave his Motion as stated with a 1st November implementation).

There being no further comments the President requested members to vote by show of hands.

90 Votes for, 14 Votes against and 4 abstaining. Motion CARRIED.

Resolution 2. Round Robin Tie Decision process- wording as indicated in AGM papers and on AFA Web site. Motion Moved by Trent Shepherd, Seconded Ian Gauntlett. Secretary asked to read Motion to meeting. After reading Secretary indicated that if carried then this Motion would replace the rule wording adopted following the postal vote.

President invited comments for or against motion.

No comments or question received.

President requested members to vote by show of hands.

70 votes for, 16 votes against and 21 abstaining. Motion announced as LOST as it failed to obtain a 75% majority of those members present and voting.

President was asked to clarify this result on basis that members who indicated they wished to abstain did not vote.

After discussion President ruled vote results would be recorded and that a legal opinion would be sought as to the wording in the AFA Constitution and specifically whether abstaining was considered to be a member vote within the framework of the AFA Constitution wording. Based on the legal ruling the results of the ballot would be advised to members via the AFA Web site.

Item 9 Life Membership Ballot.

President indicated their was a nomination for life membership for Cathy Trudinger, submitted in accordance with the Constitution by 5 members.

Penny Lloyd as one of the Movers read the nomination wording. Eric van Zuyden Seconded nomination.

Members asked to vote by show of hands– 93 votes for, 3 against and 3 abstaining. CARRIED

President congratulated Cathy on her Life Membership.

Item 10. AFA Annual Awards.

The President announced the following awards:

Club of the Year – (Springer Award) - Canberra X Factor

Team of the Year - Eastside Flyers Spitfires

Novice Club of the Year (Little Springer Trophy) – Tassie Flying Paws

Congratulations to the winners.

Item 11 Committee Elections.

The Returning Officer declared all positions vacant.

Returning Officer indicated 2 nominations had been received for the position of President and accordingly a ballot was required. The Candidates were Glenn Pritchard and Trent Shepherd. Both candidates had submitted support statements and these were available on the Web and at the Meeting venues. Scrutineers were asked to conduct a secret ballot at each venue and phone results to Returning Officer.

After ballot Returning Officer declared Glenn Pritchard elected by 84 votes to 20 votes.

The following Members being the sole applicants for the positions shown were declared elected unopposed:

Vice President - Ian Kendt

Secretary - Brian Lindsay

Treasurer - Patricia Byrne

Committee Member (7 positions available):

Rosie Milton

Leoney Pritchard

Jenny Millar

Kylie White

Ilona Van Galen

Regional Representatives

NSW Representative - Richard Mellon
Victorian Representative – Eric van Zuyden
S.A. Representative – Catherine Saberton
Tasmanian Representative – Greg Canham

The Secretary indicated that a nomination had been received from Lyn Clyde for the ACT Representative position on Thursday the 28th August, after close of Nominations date. The Nomination form was signed a full week before close of nominations and the envelope had been date marked 4 days prior to close of Nominations. The Nomination should have been received in the AFA P.O. Box well before close of nominations date but for some reason did not arrive till Thursday 28th August. In view of these circumstances he proposed that the Meeting accept the nomination of Lyn Clyde as ACT Representative as valid and hence her appointment to the Committee. CARRIED

Nominations were called from the floor for vacant position of Regional Representative for Queensland.

No nomination received for Queensland and position remained vacant.

Nominations were called from the floor for the two vacant Committee member positions.

3 Nominations received

- Penny Lloyd, Nominated Eric van Zuyden and seconded Trent Shepherd;
- Jess Mc Namara, Nominated Ilona Van Galen and seconded Leslie Pothan
- Trent Shepherd , Nominated Sandra Hindmarsh and seconded Karen Bland.

Trent Shepherd withdrew his nomination.

Penny Lloyd and Jess McNamara declared elected to the two vacant positions on Committee

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed as a correct record of discussions

President.