

**AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 2nd July 2007
BY TELEPHONE HOOKUP.**

Present: Glenn Pritchard, Leoney Pritchard, Jenny Millar, Terry Hunter, Kylie White, Rosie Milton, Joanne Drake, Les Scott, Dot Baverstock, Pat Byrne, Brian Lindsay, Catherine Saberton, Clare Ellis, Ilona Van Galen, Eric van Zuyden (from 7.45 pm)

Apologies: Justin Allen

Meeting Opened at 7.35 pm.

Victorian Rep Position

President brought forward the Item dealing with process for filling vacant State Reps positions. Committee agreed that the Constitution allowed the Committee to fill vacant positions (including State Rep. positions) between AGM's. That this process had been followed in the past with respect to several State Rep. vacancies. The Committee noted that the appointed State Rep. Rodney Gooch had resigned and that there was a proposal that Eric van Zuyden now be appointed. This proposal had the support of Victorian Clubs. The Committee welcomed the proposal and RESOLVED to endorsed the appointment. The President called Eric who joined the meeting at 7.45pm.

Process of "starring" Agenda Items for Adoption without need for discussion.

The Secretary proposed that the Committee adopt the process of identifying any Agenda Item where there did not seem any need for discussion and where this was agreed then all starred Items would be adopted via a single resolution. The Committee RESOLVED to adopt this process.

Starred Items.

The following Items were 'starred' :

- 1) Minutes of 4 June and 18th June Meetings;**
- 2) Treasurers report for June;**
- 3) Accounts Payable – June; (see Schedule)**
- 4) Correspondence Listing; (see Schedule)**
- 5) New memberships (see QuickBooks listing)**
- 6) Membership renewals (see QuickBooks listing)**
- 7) Club affiliations (see QuickBooks listing)**
- 8) Administrative Matters Update.**

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

Sanctioned Events

Demo 26/8 Norwest – Manly Dogs Day out
Demo 23/9 Norwest – Galston Fair
Demo 25/11 Central Coast – Newcastle Paceway
Competition 1/8 Pine Rivers – pine Rivers Show

Motion to sanction all events listed. CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Report from Nationals Incidents Investigation Sub Committee.

The Report from the appointed Investigation Sub Committee was received and noted. The Report covers 5 incidents at the Nationals, namely Black Cards issued to River (CRN 554C) and Buddy (CRN 865A) and 3 inter related Member incidents. The Sub Committee Report identifies all correspondence held and taken into account, including Judges Reports, Witness Declarations and Letters concerning the incidents. The Report contained Recommendations associated with each of the 5 incidents.

The Committee discussed the Report in detail before considering each of the individual recommendations.

River (CRN 554C) Black Carding. The Committee noted that whilst the carding issued by the Judge was for a suspected aggression incident involving bite contact between River and Moby (sibling dogs) the witness reports all indicated that they did not witness any actual contact. Taking all factors into account the Committee adopted the Sub Committee RECOMMENDATION that no further action be taken other than the Secretary to write to the member outlining several areas where more care needed to be exercised, including cross over training of the two sibling dogs.

The Committee also accepted the Sub Committee RECOMMENDATION that there was a need to clarify the current AFA Aggressive Dog Policy and to provide more detail and guidance to members.

Buddy (CRN 865A) Black Carding. Carding issued by Judge was again for an aggression incident similar to River. No Witness Reports submitted. Taking all factors into account the Committee adopted the Sub Committee RECOMMENDATION that the Secretary advise the member that she should consult her instructors regarding the need for further training before the dog is

entered in any further competitions and that any further incident reports may result in the need for more serious action.

The Committee RESOLVED to appoint a Sub Committee to review the current Aggressive Dog Policy wording with a view to placing expanded wording before Members at AGM. (Sub Committee R. Milton, T.Hunter, J.Drake, B.Lindsay, I. Van Galen).

(Note – the Member incident issues arising from the Nationals are still being dealt with under the AFA Constitution and Members involved have the right to make representations to the Committee and to lodge appeals against any notified penalty. Pending finalisation of this process there will be no publication of any details).

Report from AGM Preparation Sub Committee

The Committee received the Sub Committee Report and accepted the process outlined. With respect to the necessary actions the Committee agreed as follows:

- State Reps to organize venues (with Secretary to ask Brain Moore if he would organize Old venue);
- Venues to be 9 in number i.e. Sydney and Dapto; Keilor, Ballarat, Wodonga; ACT, Qld, S.A. and Tasmania;
- Rosie to be overall coordinator and set up Intercall hook up;
- Sub committee of Kylie, Leoney, Les and Clare to determine AFA Awards
- Venue coordinators to ensure there is a Independent scrutinizer at each Venue;
- Material for Meeting to be dealt with via two post outs to members and via the Web.
- That the Rules change Sub Committee be asked to make every effort to ensure Rules and Policies on trial are balloted and aggressive dog policy clarified at AGM.

Report from Rules Change Sub Committee

The Committee received the Sub Committee report and noted the suggestion that there was a need to separate Rules and policies and define the meaning of each. The Committee agreed but felt there was not enough time to do this before this years AGM.

The Committee agreed that all of the “On Trial” Rules needed to be finalized via ballot.

The 3 new Policies were being separately sent to members for ballot.

The Sub Committee agreed to meet again by conference call to further progress matter of finalizing the on trial rules and clarifying and expanding the Policy on Aggressive dogs.

Action flowing from Correspondence

Following consideration of all correspondence into AFA Committee agreed:

T. Shepherd Letter re discipline processes to be replied to by Secretary;

I. Ferguson letter of 12th June to be replied to by Secretary with explanation of the process to be followed for reinstatement of a suspended dog.

G.Hehir letter suggesting establishment of a Rules review Committee to be replied to by secretary indicating Sub Committee already in operation.

I. Gauntlett letter re the Members now being asked to vote on Card Policy to be replied to by Secretary indicating matter in action.

S.Pitt and V.Kennelly letters dealt with under the Nationals incidents Sub Committee report. Secretary to write to V.Kennelly expressing our mutual concerns that incidents such as those at the Nationals are impacting on peoples willingness to undertake Judging or Officials roles at AFA events.

J.Hunter letter re Committee clarifying that members should not record or Video Meetings without approval already dealt with at last Meeting. Web mistress to place decision on Web.

R.Hedger (ANKC) letter dealt with under separate Agenda Item

All other correspondence dealt with verbally.

ANKC / AFA Discussions re Flyball development in Australia

Committee received update on the discussions that had been taking place as between AFA President and ANKC regarding possible adoption by ANKC of AFA Rules and Policies and the introduction of reciprocal arrangements for conduct of flyball competitions by both bodies.

The Committee noted that ANKC wanted to place the matter on the Agenda for its 2007 conference in October and that the agenda closed in August. The Committee noted and generally agreed with a draft Statement of Intent as between the two parties covering the process to be followed to consider cooperative development of flyball in Australia using the AFA Rules and Policies. The Committee RESOLVED that President should advise ANKC that the AFA Committee was willing to see a Statement of Intent go forward to the ANKC Conference in order to allow ANKC to make a decision in principle about involvement in flyball. Once ANKC had determined its position AFA Members would be consulted in order to determine an AFA position . President authorized to finalise such an Agreement in consultation with Committee.

Flyball T.V Concept

Committee informed that Brian Pickering of Pet Talk Radio was developing a Flyball TV web site and would welcome content input from AFA Members. He was

also keen to get suggestions for a “ face” for Flyball TV i.e. a photogenic Member willing to be the face of flyball. Spread the word.

Privacy Policy

The Committee noted the suggestion that the AFA needed to adopt a Privacy Policy statement that informed Members what data would be collected and held by AFA and for what purposes. Example of a Club level policy submitted. Ilona offered to redraft the Club Policy as a suggested AFA Policy. Committee RESOLVED to reconsider the Policy when resubmitted.

Storage of AFA Archives

Brief report from Kylie re what is in store. Kylie to explore cost of container storage for records and equipment in ACT and report back to Committee. AFA Computer now in ACT to be transported to Treasurer in Sydney.

Stewards/ Judges Exams

RESOLVED that Supervisory Judge would mark steward exams.

Rosie reported that following had already passed the exam and she would send them letters:

Jo Drake, Amy Williams, David Garvan, Leah Guillan (Jnr Steward), Bruck Koch (Steward and Timekeeper) and Jocelyn Greenwood (steward and timekeeper).

Rosie reported June Hunter had passes Judges Written Exam and she recommended June now progress to next phase of Judges Exam. So RESOLVED.

Life member recognition

Following discussion RESOLVED that the existing 4 Life Members of AFA be recognized on the AFA Web site.

Nationals Photos _ on sale.

President reported that Sue Norton had offered to coordinate sales of donated photos from Nationals with profits going to AFA. Noted.

2007 - 2008 AFA Budget and Fees

Committee noted the Income and Expenditure projections based on normal activity (no initiatives such as additional lights or upgrade of Web site) submitted by the Treasurer and reflecting current fees. The projection showed a surplus of

\$10,700 for the full year. The Committee noted that on this basis it would take well over a year to fund another set of Signature light. The Committee RESOLVED to review Fee levels at next Meeting with any change to be announced at AGM.

Appointment of Auditor for 2006/07 Accounts

Committee noted that AFA's Constitution required the AFA Financial Statements to be audited by a qualified Accountant. Committee noted a Victorian Accountant had done past Audits on a honorary basis. Given the Treasure was based in Sydney it would be logistically easier if a Sydney based Accountant could conduct the Audit. Secretary offered to approach several CPAs he knew re them undertaking the Audit on a honorary no fee basis. Results to be reported at next Meeting.

Other Business

Recognition of Steve and Vickie- Development of a photo presentation to be explored.

Kylie enquired on the process to be followed for any application for reinstatement of past member Ken Peterson. Clarification given.

Kylie reported on problems with the ACT light console. Suggestion that she ask Steve to loan his console and to send the broken console to Terry to see if he could find someone to fix.

Treasurer enquired about finalizing the outstanding loans of \$2000 for the last light set. Committee RESOLVED loans be paid out immediately.

Eric raised suggestion that AFA recognize Judges by issuing "Judge Pin" based on the F.M Pin. RESOLVED with Eric and Terry to agree wording.

Rosie sought approval for a Pine Rivers Competition proposed for 5th August (before next meeting). RESOLVED to approve subject to receipt of fee.

Kylie reported that the two invited U.S. Judges for the 2008 Nationals had accepted the invitation.

There being no further business the President declared the Meeting closed at 11 05 p.m.

Signed as a correct record

President.