

## **Draft Minutes – Subject to final approval at May 2011 Meeting**

### **Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011.**

Present: Jenny Millar, Ian Kendt, Brian Lindsay, Richard Mellon, Penny Lloyd, Josh Ellen, Julie Pamplin, Sue Norton, Ian Gauntlett, Wayne Stroop, Catherine Saberton, Lyn Clyde, Maureen Williamson and Kylie White.

Apologies – Jo Parkes, Leoney Pritchard and Pat Byrne

Meeting Opened at 7. 45 pm

#### **ITEM - Starred Items .**

The following Items were adopted without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> March meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Membership
- 3) Treasurers Report. End March Bank Balance \$ 5857.36
- 4) Correspondence Out.
- 5) Stewards Passes Karen Wishart CRN 963
- 6) Timekeepers passes – Nil
- 7) Judges Exam Passes – Josh progressed to Judging in ring.

Moved and Seconded that starred Items be adopted CARRIED.

#### **ITEM – Check of Action Sheet for Outstanding Matters .**

**Following Items outstanding:**

Follow up NAFA re use of multiple Lights at single venue (Leoney).

Develop Jump Specification Standard (Richard).

#### **ITEM – New Members .**

Following new members approved : Jenny McNamara; Steve Watt; Daniel Popic ; Jennifer Allen; Anne Bolt-Walker and Katherine Ohlson.

#### **ITEM – Correspondence In**

- 1) Request from Wodonga Show re Flyball at 2012 Show in March 2012 – local Club not active. Agreed to circulate request to all Club coordinators.

2) Letter from Ballarat re Cassie CRN 2134A dealing with her retraining. Committee accepted that Cassie was undergoing satisfactory retraining under appropriate supervision and removed the requirement for any further reports. Secretary to advise Club.

3) Letter from Erica Hallybone – Yard dealing with retraining of Indy 880B. Committee accepted that Indy was undergoing satisfactory retraining under appropriate supervision and removed the requirement for any further reports. Secretary to advise member.

4) Letter from Anne Dymock re status of ANKC Agreement and Insurance situation. Secretary had replied providing answers to questions raised. It was agreed that an amended honorary members Form was needed for sanctioned AFA Training Days – with the reference to honorary members not running dogs removed. Secretary to develop wording.

5) Letter from Sally Hunt re allowing composite club teams in normal competitions. Committee, whilst noting the intent to allow dogs not selected in club teams the opportunity to compete in composite teams, considered that this would be difficult to control and could lead to members making up their own teams. Also concern existed regarding safety, as teams would not train together. The suggestion would also require amendment to the AFA Rules. After discussion it was agreed that the concept of allowing composite teams in normal competitions was not appropriate and Secretary should so advise Sally.

#### **ITEM – Treasurers Report re Funds.**

A further \$13,000 had been moved into an interest bearing deposit with St.George bank, bringing investments to a total of \$31,589.62.

#### **ITEM – Sanctioned Events.**

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 15<sup>th</sup> May - RSPCA Million Paws Walk -

Comp –South Coast - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – Million Paws Walk – PCYC Warilla.

Comp – Flyball Fanatics – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – Qld Million Paws Walk – Murarrie Recreation Centre Cannon Hill.

Comp – Pine Rivers 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011 – Jumping in June - Rob Akers Reserve Strathpine.

Comp – Pine Rivers - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2011 – Pine Rivers Show special – Pine Rivers Showground Gympie Rd Lawnton.

Comp – Pine Rivers – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 – Pine Rivers Annual Night at Races – Rob Akers Reserve Strathpine.

Comp- K9 Crusaders – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2011 – Boorowa Irish Fling – Pudman Oval Boorowa.

Training Day Format – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – SFA – Sydney Royal Demo – Format needed to allow Purina/RAS handlers to race dogs under supervision.

**ITEM – Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.**

The Sub Committee reported that it had dealt with three Black Card incidents between the March and April meetings. The dogs involved being Zack CRN 1140C; Lizzie CRN 2321A and Dusty CRN 254B. All 3 dogs had been in fairly minor incidents and in each case the Sub Committee had recommended, and the Committee had approved by correspondence, that a Warning letter Type 1 be issued. The Secretary had notified all 3 owners and their appointed Club coordinator.

**ITEM – Report from Rules Sub Committee.**

No Meeting of Sub Committee in March and nil to report.

**ITEM - Farmtek Timing System Update.**

Leoney Still awaiting reply from NAFA contact as to how they successfully operate multiple light sets without interference. Leoney to continue to follow up).

**ITEM – Development of Flyball in W.A.**

A W.A. dog club – Cuby K9 Club – had expressed interest in starting flyball training. Secretary had sent them information on training and equipment. Sue Norton had offered to assist in helping them get started. Sue asked for email contact details for Club. To be sent to her – done.

**ITEM – Report regarding issue of standardisation of measuring Wickets .**

Ian Kendt reported with a suggestion for the cover material to be used on board. During discussion suggestion made that the material used by caravan suppliers for ground sheets is specifically designed for outdoor use and would not rot if it became damp. Agreed that Ian should obtain a sample and bring Victorian wicket and board to Nationals so it could be inspected.

**ITEM - Standard Jump Design specification**

Deferred to May Meeting

**ITEM – Shade Umbrella’s for use in Queensland.**

Sue indicated that the original Purina umbrellas used at most Queensland competitions had progressively fallen into disrepair and replacements were now needed. Kylie indicted that the AFA did not supply umbrellas and these were normally Club equipment. Sue suggested that if there was money left from the flood donation for the two Queensland Clubs impacted by floods that 5 umbrellas could be purchased and left in the AFA trailer and used by all

Clubs. Agreed to defer to May meeting when financial information regarding Queensland equipment should be known.

#### **ITEM – Incident Form Redesign**

Sue advised that the Sub Committee had developed two Forms – a simple incident form and one for more serious incidents. Agreed that forms should be trialed at next Queensland competition. Matter deferred till trial completed.

#### **ITEM – AFA Support for Queensland Clubs impacted by floods.**

Secretary reported that the Gazebo requested by Flyball Fanatics had been delivered. The box's and jumps asked for by both Clubs had been ordered as had the set of backing boards requested by Fanatics. It was hoped that all equipment would be dispatched to Queensland in a week or so.

#### **ITEM – Signing of Competition entry forms.**

With increasing use of electronic entries it was suggested that the AFA needed to make a decision as to matter of whether the entries had to be physically signed later or whether an electronic signature or the like was acceptable. General consensus was that what was important was to be able to identify who had accepted compliance with the Rules when submitting the entry. It was agreed that the accompanying email address provided that information. Agreed that where an electronic entry was received the accompanying email should be retained and attached for identification purposes. Clubs to be advised.

#### **ITEM – Nationals Update.**

SFA reported that Nationals Divisional splits had been approved by NAFA contact and there were 8 Divisions. Draw was now completed and work was about to start on production of all paperwork and the Catalogue. In view of amount of work involved SFA proposed to now cut off all amendments impacting on draw. Tickets and passes to be posted out to Clubs this week.

In Veterans there were 5 Teams split into two Divisions – with a combined Round robin followed by separate round robins – giving all teams 6 heats of 3 races.

Kylie reported that for 2012 Muddies had arranged to bring out an overseas judge from NAFA – Brian Fay.

#### **ITEM – General Business.**

- 1) Ian Gauntlett advised that at the upcoming Ringwood competition there was to be a support statement for a member fighting cancer – with the Competition organizer supplying fight cancer bandanas for members and dogs to wear. He asked if anyone

had concerns if dogs raced in the bandanas – provided they were closely tied and passed as acceptable by the Judge from a safety viewpoint. All agreed to approve - provided deemed safe by Judges.

- 2) Sue asked whether Regional Representatives were specifically tied to State boundaries – she had been asked about this by a Club in far Northern NSW which was closer to Brisbane than Sydney. General consensus was that State boundaries should apply as dealings with regional reps were normally by email or post and distance was not a factor.
- 3) Penny asked for clarification as to whether stewards were supposed to raise flags for early crosses – answer yes they are. Suggested that members be reminded that this is the case at pre event briefings.
- 4) Maureen advised that Tassie Flying Paws had about 10 new members about to join the AFA.

Next meeting set for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed as a true record.

President.