

## **Draft Minutes – Subject to final approval at September 2010 Meeting**

### **Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010.**

Present: Ian Kendt, Brian Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Jenny Millar, Eric van Zuyden, Lyn Clyde, Richard Mellon, Josh Ellen, Kylie White, Catherine Saberton; Maureen Williamson, Penny Lloyd, and Julie Pamplin.

Apologies –Leoney Pritchard, Wayne Stroop and Joanne Parkes.

Meeting Opened at 7.48 pm

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

The following Items were adopted without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 2) Renewal of Membership (as per Treasurers Report)
- 3) Accounts for payment.
- 4) Correspondence Out
- 5) Stewards Exam Passes – Paulette Watson CRN 2141
- 6) Timekeepers Exam Passes – Sally and Phil Lea CRN 1188

Moved and Seconded that starred Items be adopted CARRIED.

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

**Nil Outstanding**

#### **ITEM – Treasurers Report**

**Account balance at end July \$15,563.43. Investment Account \$ 36,400.**

#### **ITEM – Correspondence in.**

The Committee noted and dealt with the following Correspondence:

- Letter from Ron Richardson re calibration of measuring wickets. Action - Actions taken by Secretary to confirm accuracy of NSW wicket noted. Committee also noted that there appeared to be more scope for incorrect measure from the dogs stance than from the calibration of the wickets. This was demonstrated by the significant variations in measure shown on some members height applications forms - with variations of up to an inch in heights shown in some cases. Secretary to respond to Ron, outlining actions taken re NSW wicket. All other wickets to also be carefully checked for calibration. Instructions on

web to be updated to show how to read the wickets and Judges to be asked to ensure dogs are correctly standing for measure and measure is taken at high point of wither.

- Letter from Croydon Club re issues related to the incorrect entry of a Croydon team in the Bellarine Competition. Action - Secretary to forward letter to Bellarine Club for response to questions posed by Croydon.

- Notice from Rosie tendering resignation as Supervisory Judge due to personal circumstances. Action - Secretary to write to Rosie thanking her for her 5 years of service as Supervisory judge.

- Expressions of interest from 3 Judges regarding Supervisory Judges position. Sub Committee formed to conduct telephone interviews with all 3 applicants and to then report to AFA Committee with recommendation. Sub Committee – Lyn Clyde (Chair), Catherine Saberton and Eric van Zuyden.

- Letter from Josh and Mechelle Ellen re Flea 's suspension. Matter referred to Dog Incident Sub Committee for recommendation.

#### **ITEM – Sanctioned Events.**

Competition – Frankston – 18<sup>th</sup> September – On the Fly – Frankston Dog Club

Competition – Croydon – 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Best Friends Flyball Retreat – Best Fiends Holiday Retreat Yarram.

Competition – South Coast Dog Club – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Albion Park Showgrounds.

Competition – Muddies – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Dolphin Point Lions Park Lake Burrill. (Pre event warm up offered prior to half hour before event.)

Competition – Croydon – 23 October- Euroa Flyball Euphorea – Euroa Showgrounds.

Competition – Ballarat – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> December – Santa Ball 10 – Victoria Park Ballarat.

Competition – Sydney Flyball Associates – Friday and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 – 2011 National Championship - Overflow Area Sydney Royal Show – Homebush Bay

Competition – Sydney Flyball Associates – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011– Inaugural National Veterans Championship – Overflow Area Sydney Royal Show – Homebush Bay.\*-

Demo/Unofficial Singles and Pairs Racing – Sydney Flyball Associates – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – Overflow Area Sydney Royal Show – Homebush Bay.

Demo – Norwest – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010 Clontarf Reserve Clontarf – Manly dogs Day Out.

Training Day – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Rosie Milton/Kylie White – Milton /Ulladulla Dog training Club.

## **ITEM - New Members**

Following new members approved:

Elisha Smith  
Camille Sporys  
Tammy Watts  
Yumiko Everton  
Danielle Butson  
Brianna Lynch  
Bullock  
Heather Norman  
Lynne Herbert  
Amanda Orbitani

**ITEM – Members Changing Clubs with exemption.  
Nil.**

## **ITEM - Alternative Lights Suppliers Update.**

Wayne reported on his contact with Farmtek re direct purchase of Signature Light sets. All components of lights and software seemed to be available for direct order from Farmtek with exception of light pole bases and some carry cases. These could be sourced locally. Quoted purchase price in US dollars was \$U.S.7300 plus duties, GST and freight. All up price should be in vicinity of \$10,000 U.S. per set of lights. One issue still needed to be resolved regarding the frequencies of the poles. Committee agreed to proceed with a view to acquiring two further sets of lights and authorised initial expenditure of up to \$1000 to commence acquisition.

The Meeting noted the report that the set of the older style EJS lights available for purchase from St.George Club (for possible replacement of either S.A. or Tasmania Lights) had been checked by the Club and found to have one fault in the timing console. St.George were arranging to have fault checked and repaired. Club would advise when lights were ready for AFA inspection.

After investigation of surge protectors for Signature Lights approval granted to purchase 4 Eaton SSFi surge filter at a cost of \$240 each.

Ian reported that the Victorian Display Boards were still with repairers who had ordered parts and hoped to have completed the repairs in a week or so.

Catherine reported that SA and ACT lights consoles were with Dave Blow in S.A. for inspection.

### **ITEM - Purina Sponsorship Proposal Update.**

The Committee noted that the Sponsorship Agreement with Purina had now been finalised and signed. The Agreement involved Purina sponsoring up to 6 major AFA Competitions each year. The Competitions included Canberra Royal Show, Sydney Royal Show, the Nationals plus 3 other large competitions ( Shows or Pet Expo type events that attracted significant crowds). Richard and Brian had meet with Take Two to clarify several logistical issues regarding the working of the Agreement and to discuss the first sponsored Competition arrangements. It was agreed that a suitable notice to Clubs now needed to be drafted outlining details of the sponsorship and how a Club could bid for a sponsored event. Richard and Brian to finalise.

### **ITEM - 2010 A.G.M. Planning.**

Papers for the AGM had been dispatched to all members on Friday 16th July. These included the Rules Ballot documents and Voting Form and the Committee nomination form.

The 2010 end year Accounts had been finalised by the Treasurer and were now with the Auditors for review and report.

Voting on Rules changes closes Friday the 6th August . At this time two motions had been submitted for Member ballot – one life membership nomination and a motion re the naming of the 4000 Points Award. Motion submission deadline is also Friday 6th August.

Arrangements for the AGM Conference call had been confirmed by Secretary.

An additional venue at Ulladulla had been requested – 7 members expected to attend this venue. Venue approved.

Secretary would prepare additional paperwork for dispatch to Venue organisers once Voting was tallied and Committee nominations had closed. ( Nominations close 13 August).

Secretary Moved that the Committee approve the standard Resolution regarding the AFA Financial Statements showing a true and correct statement of our finances and fact that AFA was in a position to pay its accounts as they fell due. This was required as part of Annual return. CARRIED.

### **ITEM - Honour Board on AFA Web Site.**

Eric reported he had finalised Vice Presidents listing except for initial two years of AFA – he was still researching who were the initial VPs.

### **ITEM - Presidents Awards System.**

Kylie had submitted criteria for this new Award that would be an acknowledgement of outstanding service in any year by a member. Nominations to come from members and or committee. Maximum of 3 Awards in any year. Nominations to be voted upon by Committee. Award to be a suitable plaque with common wording ( Kylie to develop draft wording and Eric to arrange shields) and an Honour list on AFA Web site. Moved and Seconded that Awards be introduced from 2010 with Committee determining any initial year Awards. Two nominations submitted and approved by Committee. Names to remain in confidence till AGM.

### **ITEM - Possible acquisition of Open Racing Format developed by Member**

Item deferred till September meeting.

### **ITEM – General Business .**

- 1) Richard advised that the Sutherland Club had been forced to move to a two-ring format given it had received 25 entries for their Muster competition on Saturday the 7th August. This would mean that two sets of lights would be required – the AFA NSW/ ACT set and the Norwest set. Richard proposed that in circumstances the Lights levy from the 25 Teams be split 50/50 between AFA and Norwest.  
CARRIED.
- 2) Pat enquired about reorder for Judges Shirts as she only had 2 shirts left and she had requests for additional shirts. Minimum order 25 shirts. Agreed Pat to check with Judges re any additional shirts and then place order based on mix of sizes.
- 3) Kylie raised concerns that some Clubs were still using the old style Competition Team entry sheets. Need to use new forms to be covered in next Flying Times and on web.
- 4) Kylie advised next Flying Times would go out ASAP after AGM so material needed.
- 5) Eric raised concerns regarding the upgrading of Judges under the new Judges exam system. He pointed out that Level 2 Judges were being upgraded to Senior Judge via one exam without first becoming a Level 1 Judge. He felt this to be unfair to existing level 1 Judges who had gone through an extensive exam process. The Committee noted that the new system was basically an experience based process and to be upgraded to a senior judge a person needed to have judged a minimum of 50 assignments plus sit a new format exam. The Committee members who sat on the new Exam Format Sub Committee indicated that the system was being implemented in the way recommended and approved by the Committee. Eric whilst noting this advice indicated he still was concerned that the system did not adequately recognise Level 1 Judges qualifications.

The President noted that this was the last Committee Meeting of the year and he thanked all members for their contribution in 2009/10 .

There being no further business Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.  
Signed as a true record.

President.