

Draft Minutes – Subject to final approval at August 2010 Meeting

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 28th June 2010.

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

Apologies – nil.

Meeting Opened at 7. 55 Pm

ITEM - Starred Items .

The following Items were adoption without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of June meeting.
- 2) Renewal of Membership (as per Treasurers Report)
- 3) Accounts for payment.
- 4) Correspondence Out
- 5) Stewards Exam Passes – Patrick White

Moved and Seconded that starred Items be adopted CARRIED.

ITEM – Check of Action Sheet for Outstanding Matters .

Nil Outstanding

ITEM – Treasurers Report

Trading Account Bank Balance \$12162 as at date of Meeting.

Committee noted that the approved investment of an additional \$20,000 had been arranged with the St.George Bank. The recently renewed Term Deposit of \$6000 had been combined with the new \$20,000. The AFA now had two Investments with St.George totaling \$ 36,214.

ITEM – Correspondence in.

The Committee noted the Correspondence from Trent Shepherd and Kylie White dealing with measurement of dogs at the recent Sunset Claws competition. The Committee decided that the best way of dealing with the matters raised in the correspondence was to solve the central issue by adoption of the proposed new Rules for challenges to height cards.

ITEM – Sanctioned Events .

Comp – PICS I – Sunday 19th September 2010 – Holroyd Pet Fest – Holroyd Gardens Pitt and Walpole St Merrylands.

Demo – Jo Slade Qld – 22nd August - Lure Coursing Clubs 20th Anniversary Wally Tate Park Kuraby

ITEM - New Members

Following new members approved:

Penny Baldock; Kimberley Shrives; Rebecca Fitzgerald; Jordan Ewan; Andrew Ewan; Georgina Benveniste; Louise Baker and Ross Channell.

ITEM – Members Changing Clubs with exemption.

Nil.

ITEM - Dog Incident Sub Committee Report.

The Committee noted a reported Black Card incident involving Molly (CRN 2252A) at the Jumping in June Competition on 26th June 2010. The report indicated Molly was returning and crossed after the start finish line and chased a dog from the other team. No contact was made and Molly was not growling or snapping at the other dog and was not displaying aggressive behavior – simply chasing. This was Molly's first competition. The Committee agreed to recommendation that in the circumstances no finding of aggression should be made and Molly's owner advised to consult Club Instructors re need for more focus training. CARRIED.

ITEM - Report from Rules Sub Committee

The Rules Sub Committee had submitted proposed amended wording to existing rules covering:

- i) Clarification that no Breakout times apply for Division one teams with Declared seed times;
- ii) Clarification re forfeiting teams – Forfeiting teams do not get reruns for false starts or errors of course;
- iii) Clarification that Rules dealing with Box malfunctions and distractions apply during warm up periods until end of race;
- iv) Amended Rules for Height Cards and challenges thereto.

The Committee, after discussion and the acceptance of a number of minor amendments to the Height Card Rule changes, including deleting the need for a \$50 challenge fee, agreed to adopt all four proposed amendments as "On Trial Rules" to apply effective from 30th July 2010. Secretary requested to draft and circulate for final approval a Notification to all Members, Judges and Club coordinators advising of the changes. Notification to also be a Notice in next Flying times. The Committee also determined that the first 3 amendments were likely to be non controversial and therefore should be submitted to members for ballot at the coming AGM even though they had not had an extended On trial period. . The amendment re Height Cards and challenges was seen as benefiting from a longer exposure period as an "On Trial Rule" and hence was not proposed for voting at these years AGM.

ITEM - Alternative Lights Suppliers Update.

Alternative options for Lights still being explored by Wayne and Ian. Wayne to contact FarmTek in US to see if we can purchase hardware direct. Eric also indicated he had raised with several people the possibility of programming P.C based software to drive the lights.

The Meeting noted that a set of the older style EJS lights was available for purchase from St.George Club. The lights were stated to be in good working order. St.George were seeking \$2000 for the lights. Given the ongoing problems with the S.A. Lights (which had not been able to time racing at either of the last two Competitions) Kylie proposed that subject to check re condition the AFA purchase the lights from St.George for \$2000 and make them available to S.A. CARRIED.

The Committee also noted the recent problem with the Victorian Signature Lights where a generator overload had blown the Back Display circuit Boards. Ian reported that the Boards were being checked for repair. Wayne suggested that there was a need to look at the AFA obtaining surge protection equipment for all light sets to avoid a re-occurrence of this problem. Wayne to investigate and report on costs.

ITEM - Purina Sponsorship Proposal Update.

The Committee noted that the Vice President and Secretary had again meet with Purina and Take Two to finalise the Sponsorship Agreement as between Purina and the AFA. They reported that good progress had been made on all outstanding issues and that a final contract was now with Purina's legal Department for approval. A formal announcement of the Agreement would be made once both parties had signed the document. The Committee noted that Purina had asked for a single point of contact – Richard nominated and accepted. Purina had also suggested that the AFA provide a costing to do up the old set of backboards located in Victoria. Ian asked could he be supplied with photos or details of the NSW backboard set so a costing could be developed. Secretary to ask Les Scott for information. Joanne and Ian to supply Richard with details of Purina uniform sizes needed for Officials at Qld and Nationals comps. Richard pointed out that in 2010 and 2011 there were still two unallocated competitions available for sponsorship.

ITEM - 2010 A.G.M. Initial Planning.

Date and time of Meeting confirmed as Saturday 21st August 7.30 pm and the initial notice had been placed on the Web together with a timeline for Motions and a Committee Nomination Form. The Meeting agreed on the venues as proposed by regional representatives. It was agreed that the two existing On trial Rules (Rules for Veterans Racing and Duties of AFA Representative) plus the initial 3 approved On Trial Rules approved at this Meeting be placed before members for ballot. Secretary to produce AGM paperwork to go to printers for a mid July post out.

ITEM - AFA/ANKC Agreement.

Secretary advised that ANKC had now indicated Agreement was before all State Bodies for their final approval and suggested an execution date of 1st August for adoption. ANKC was to submit signed document to AFA for our signature.

ITEM - Honour Board on AFA Web Site.

The proposal as circulated by Eric was discussed. Leoney suggested that Vice presidents be also listed so it became an Executive Committee list. Agreed. Eric to update by including Vice Presidents and circulate for final consideration at July meeting.

ITEM - Presidents Awards System.

Kylie outlined her suggestion for a President Award to be available for issue to members who were seen as having made an outstanding contribution to the AFA in any year. Awards would be nominated and determined by Committee and be announced at AGM. Committee agreed to limit awards to no more than 3 a year. Eric offered to obtain costs of a selection of suitable plaques. Kylie to draft and circulate suggested criteria.

ITEM – Continual Problem of incorrect CRNs and requests to amend Title Points .

Leoney reported she was still getting regular requests to amend Title Points for errors that should have been picked up if Team Captains had carefully checked the Racing Sheets for CRNs at the Competition. Checking of claimed errors was a time consuming exercise. After discussion it was Moved that in future the AFA not adjust Title Points for errors that were a result of actions by member or team captain in failing to check CRNs at Competition. CARRIED. Notice to go to members and Judges to be requested to announce at briefing that it was responsibility of Team Captains to carefully check all dogs CRNs on their racing sheets.

ITEM - Possible acquisition of Open Racing Format developed by Member

Kylie reported that she was in discussion with a member re the AFA regarding the AFA acquiring the software he had developed to facilitate draws and race allocation/ ring calling at the larger two ring competitions, such as the Nationals. The software had been used at the last 3 Nationals and whilst still under development had proven to be of significant assistance in dealing with Competition planning. She indicated that if acquired ongoing development would be done by other volunteers. Committee agreed that Kylie should continue to investigate and report to next meeting, including on costs of acquisition.

ITEM - 4000 Points Award

Eric reported that he believed that a Victorian dog had now obtained 4000 title points – the last Competition points were still to be finalised but when posted to the web the dog would have just over 4000 points. He enquired as to process to be followed to have AFA consider the Award title at the AGM. Suggestion made that once it was confirmed that the 4000 points had been achieved this be the subject of a member resolution that could be put to members for ballot at AGM.

ITEM – General Business .

- i) Kylie reported that the Supervisory judge had requested that she report to Committee that 3 Judges had successfully completed the upgrade exam to become Senior Judges. Committee noted that Ian Kendt, Ian Gauntlett and Emma Le Cras were now Senior Judges. Pat to update on Data Base. Rosie also reported she had received 3 enquiries from members interested in doing the new Judges Exam process and that one Exam had just been submitted for marking under the old system.
- ii) Enquiry made regarding the AFA ensuring that a common system applied for dealing with teams nominating racing dogs at competitions and that the system be such as to assist team captains in checking and verifying dogs Title Points. Committee agreed that the system most commonly in use was to have a duplicate of the Racing Sheets and for team Captains to circle and submit the duplicate sheet to the timing table before start of each race. This provided team captains with a record of which dogs had raced in each heat. Proposed that AFA should now make it compulsory for all Competition organizers to adopt this format. Carried.
- iii) Leoney enquired about Club affiliations and suggested that Regional Reps be given a list of non affiliated clubs as at end June for follow up. Agreed that treasurer should supply Regional Reps with this information.
- iv) Kylie indicated that Patrick would be doing a Newsletter to go to Members in August prior to AGM and input needed.
- v) Ian asked Committee to consider giving him a Budget for repair of the Victorian Lights so that he did not have to await next meeting to authorise work. Committee agreed to authorize repair at cost of up to \$1000.

There being no further business Meeting closed at 10.35pm.

Signed as a true record.

President.