

Draft Minutes - Subject to approval at December Committee Meeting

AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
ON 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 BY TELEPHONE HOOKUP.

**Present:** Glenn Pritchard, Ian Kendt, Leoney Pritchard, Brian Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Jenny Millar, Eric van Zuyden, Richard Mellon, Penny Lloyd, Lyn Clyde, Jess McNamara, Maureen Williamson, Ilona Van Galen and Rosie Milton.

**Apologies:** Kylie White, Catherine Saberton

**Meeting Opened at 7.40 pm**

ITEM - "Starred" Items.

**The following Items were 'starred' for adoption without discussion:**

- 1) Minutes of Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008**
- 2) Treasurers Report and Accounts for payment**
- 3) Membership renewals**

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

ITEM - Correspondence

**Committee Noted following correspondence that involved action:**

**Request from Steve Pitt to use AFA Qld Lights at training seminar in Townsville on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 ( Seminar fee to be donated to RSPCA). After brief discussion President indicated he would contact Steve with suggestion that he apply to make it an AFA Sanctioned event.**

**Letter from I.Ferguson requesting that AFA defer affiliation of Sydney Scallywags club pending resolution of outstanding matters linked to disbanding of Sydney Psychos Club. Committee agreed that the matters raised in the letter were properly internal matters that should be dealt with at a club level and did not involve the AFA. Committee agreed to consider developing a guideline for new clubs and teams, recommending that they formally incorporate as a means of protecting members investment in group assets ,and to provide more certainty about resolution of disputes and other internal club issues.**

**Email from Belinda Hodges requesting a 2 day reduction in the 90 day suspension from Competition Rule on change of Club. Committee noted that when the suspension period had been reduced from 120 days to 90 it had been accepted**

**that the new Rule needed to be strictly enforced i.e. no reductions to be granted. Secretary to inform Belinda of this decision.**

**Several Letters concerning events that occurred at Boorowa Competition related to Judging. Matter had been referred to and dealt with by Supervisory Judge. Secretary to so advise authors.**

ITEM - Sanctioned Events

**Following Events Approved:**

**- Comp – Para District – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2008 – PDODC Xmas Romp- PDODC Grounds Salisbury**

**- Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008 - Dogs on the Domain- Domain area Hobart**

**- Demo - Hastings- 30 Nov. 2008 – pet and Pony Expo – Olympic Park Rosebud**

ITEM - Administrative Matters.

**-Stewards and Timekeepers Exams. Rosie reported that following members had passed Stewards exam: Helen Longhurst, Wendy Gauntlett, Sandra Hindmarsh, Helen Jansson, Jo Shirlock and Bonnie Guillan.**

ITEM - New Memberships for approval.

**Treasurer reported on new membership applications - Approved. Leoney proposed that the approved application from Sue Wilkinson be now used as a final test of the new on line application system. She offered to contact Sue and guide her through the on line process. Agreed . (Note Sue's membership continues to date from 3rd November approval).**

ITEM - Affiliation of New Club.

**Application for affiliation received from Sydney Scallywags – a new club formed following dissolution of Sydney Psychos. Application Approved.**

ITEM - Change of Clubs.

**Committee noted that 19 ex members of Sydney Psychos club (full and associate) had notified change of Clubs to the newly formed Sydney Scallywags Club and sought exemption from the 90 day suspension Rule in accordance with the provisions of the AFA Constitution. In view of circumstances moved and seconded that exemption from 90 day Rule be approved for these members. CARRIED.**

ITEM - Matters arising from 2008 AGM discussions.

a) - AGM Process Review

**Committee noted that Richard had re circulated original paper suggesting ways to improve the AFA AGM teleconference. The Committee agreed to defer review of the 2008 AGM process to its December Meeting.**

b)- Process for updating the Red Rule Book for amendments

**The Committee noted that Catherine had produced a first draft of the Red Rules Book reflecting changes adopted at AGM and the minor editorial changes seen as desirable. Draft under review by other members of Sub Committee.**

c) - Measuring wicket procurement

**Rosie reported she had a quote from a Canberra manufacture of \$318 plus GST. Supplier had suggested using Teflon rather than nylon to reduce friction. Moved and Seconded that AFA authorize purchase of 5 Wickets which would allow all 6 States to have an approved wicket for measuring. CARRIED. Rosie to order wickets.**

ITEM - General Business

a) Report of Rules Sub Committee

**Committee noted the circulated Minutes of the Rules Sub Committee Meeting and the accompanying Drafts of Rule amendments for Forfeits , amendments to Interference and crossing (to clarify rule situation in warm up period) , fouling in ring and new Guidelines for producing Division Splits. Given these papers had only just been circulated to Committee President proposed that they be carried over to December Committee Meeting for consideration. Agreed.**

b) Dog incident Sub Committee- **Rosie reported Sub Committee was scheduled to meet next Monday night to consider the Black Card issued to Oran CRN 1285A at Dapto and Black Card issued to Russell(from Canberra X- Factor) at Belconnen. AFA Committee to vote on Dog Incident Sub Committee recommendations before the next scheduled competition in the ACT ie 22 November.**

c) Submission from Purina re sponsorship of Supercoat Challenge at Sydney Royal Show In 2009 and 2010 and interest in hosting 2011 National Championships as part of Sydney Royal.

**Richard reported initial Meeting had now been set for 20<sup>th</sup> November at Showground to discuss next years Sydney Royal Show Competition and review 2008 experience.**

#### ITEM - Other Business

##### a)- New Judges Shirts

**Matter of replacement judges shirts had been held over from October meeting. Treasurer confirmed that a new design reflecting new Logo plus modern shirt design, including a pocket, was proposed at cost of \$39 per shirt with a minimum order of 20 shirts. Following discussion Moved and Seconded that Treasurer should contact Judges to confirm sizes and any extra shirts (at Judges cost) and then place order. CARRIED. Committee discussed purchase of caps or hats for Judges at cost of approx \$10 per hat. Moved and Seconded that Treasurer also ask Judges if they wanted hats or caps and order within Budget of \$10 per item. CARRIED.**

##### b)- AFA Promotional Material

**Amended Banner designs had been circulated following input from Elizabeth Coombes who had designed the new Logo. Moved and Seconded that AFA adopted Design 1 in circulated options and that Leoney be authorized to order 6 banners ( one for each State) CARRIED.**

##### c)- 5 Heat Races clarification.

**Committee noted need for clarification of status of 5 heat race format. Committee noted that Rules provided for 3 heat, 5 heat or best 3 of 5 heat race formats. Rules also referred to not running meaningless heats. Pointed out that the 3<sup>rd</sup> heat in a 3 heat race could be considered to be a meaningless heat if one team had won first two heats. Similar situation applied for 5 heat races. Following discussion Committee confirmed that all 3 race formats were available to Competition organisers and that the Rules Sub Committee should look at clarifying the “meaningless heats” reference which was originally aimed at preventing Competition organisers simply extending approved Race**

**Schedules where time permitted after a Competition was concluded in order to allow competitors to gain extra points.**

d) - Regional Representative Responsibilities.

**The Committee noted that in some cases the Regional Representative was being by passed and not being consulted on matters such as Competition formats. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to all club Co-ordinators reminding them of the role of Regional Representative.**

e)- Incomplete Timesheets from Boorowa Competition.

**The Webmaster reported that some of the timesheets from Boorowa did not have the competing dogs circled but rather dogs had been shown by highlighter. She was not sure at what state the highlighter had been inserted and accordingly felt the need to query the acceptability of the incorrectly prepared sheets. The Committee was informed that the timesheets had been highlighted on the official sheets at the Competition simply as a guide to the timekeepers and that the timekeepers should have then circled the highlighted dogs at time of race. Being inexperienced they did not do this. There was no suggestion that the highlighting was not an accurate reflection of the dogs that actually ran. The Committee was concerned that the Sheets were signed off by both Team Captains and Judges without dogs being circled. In circumstances Committee agreed dogs shown in highlight should still be awarded points and that points workbook should be re checked by Lyn Clyde. Secretary to write to Competition organisers re matter.**

f) -Flying Times Deadlines.

**Committee agreed deadline for input would be set at 14<sup>th</sup> November with Newsletter published by end November.**

g) - On Line Membership application process

**Committee noted new online membership application process had been successfully tested and was ready for go live. Committee congratulated Leoney on another step forward with our Web system. Committee noted that the changeover to the new system means that on line membership numbers will commence as a 2000 series ,rather than simply following on from current last membership number.**

h) Enquiry re old Queensland training Video.

**Maureen asked did the AFA have copies of an old Queensland Flyball Training video. Secretary indicated not as far as he was aware. Suggestion made to contact Steve Pitt who may have copy or access US videos on web.**

i) Sydney Pet Expo update.

**Richard enquired re situation with AFA Lights for Pet Expo. Ilona offered to**

transport from Canberra to Sydney. Richard also asked about hand outs and AFA Logos. Confirmed Sue Towns photos could be used with acknowledgement. Leoney to produce hand outs. Boxes have been kindly loaned by Norwest and Southern Cross clubs for the three days. Standard balls will be supplied by the Club running each day. 'Special' balls will be supplied by the handler"

Next Meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed as a true record.

President