

Draft – Subject to final approval at October Meeting

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 7th September 2009.

Present: Glenn Pritchard, Ian Kendt, Brian Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Leoney Pritchard, Jenny Millar, Eric van Zuyden, Lyn Clyde, Richard Mellon, Maureen Williamson, Catherine Saberton, Wayne Stroop, Ilona Van Galen, Josh Ellen, Joanne Parkes and Kylie White.

Apologies: Penny Lloyd.

Meeting Opened by President at 7.40 pm. President welcomed the new Committee and congratulated all on their appointment.

ITEM - Starred Items.

The following Items were “starred” for adoption without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of Meeting of 3rd August 2009;
- 2) Accounts approved for payment.
- 3) Correspondence received (all dealt with under separate Agenda items)
- 4) Renewal of Membership as per Treasurers Report

Moved and Seconded that starred Items be adopted CARRIED.

ITEM – Check of Action Sheet for Outstanding Matters.

The Committee noted there were no outstanding matters requiring action from earlier Meetings.

ITEM – Sanctioned Events.

Following AFA Events Approved:

Competition – South Coast Dog Training Club – 27th September – Flyball Dogs Day Out- Reddall Reserve, Reddall Pde Warilla.

Competition – Croydon – 3rd October 09 - Best Friends Flyball Retreat – Yarram

Competition – Croydon – 24th October 09– Euroa Flyball Euphoria – Euroa Showground

Competition - Croydon – 22nd November 09 – Lilydale Show – Lilydale Showground.

Competition – Para District – 29th November 09 – PDODC Xmas Romp 111 – PDODC Grounds

Competition – Ballarat - 5th December – Santaball 09 – Victoria Park Ballarat.

Demo – S.A. – 16/9/09 – Totally Wild filming.

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws- 11th October – Domain Area Hobart

Demo – Eastside Flyers – 25th October 09 – Nillumbik Pet Expo Mamgrook Oval Diamond Creek Vic.

Demo – AFA – 6th, 7th and 8th November -Sydney Pet Expo - Rosehill Gardens

Demo - Tassie Flying Paws- 8th November – Brighton Agricultural Show.

ITEM - Administrative Matters

Stewards Exam - passes for Sue Denman and Louise Stephen.

ITEM - New Members

Following new members approved:

Catherine McArdle

ITEM – Change of Clubs

Following changes noted:

Dorothee Wenner (CRN 1153) from Sutherland to St.George

Karen Inverarity (CRN 675) from Southern Cross to Norwest.

ITEM - 2009 AGM Follow up.

Committee responsibility allocation.

Following discussion the positions on 2009/10 Committee allocated as shown:

Public Officer - Kylie White;

Webmaster - Leoney Pritchard;

Titles and Awards - Eric Van Zuyden;

Assistant Secretary – Competition/ Web Points - Joanne Parkes;

Assistant Secretary- Competition Workbooks - Josh Ellen;

Newsletter Editor - Ilona Van Gallen;

Chair Rules Sub Committee - Ian Kendt :

Secretary Rules Sub Committee - Richard Mellon;

Members Rules Sub Committee - Jenny Millar, Penny Lloyd, Rosie Milton (Supervisory Judge);
Chair Dog Incidents Sub Committee - Catherine Saberton;
Secretary Dog Incidents Sub Committee - Brian Lindsay,
Members Dog Incidents Sub Committee - Eric Van Zuyden, Ian Kendt,
Jenny Millar.

ii) Rules Reprint.

Secretary reported he had updated the Rules and Policies Master for the 5 Rules Amendments adopted at AGM and for a number of minor corrections advised by Sue Norton and Rosie plus a number he had noted. None of these changes involved any substantive change in Rules but rather were editorial in nature. He had forwarded the updated Word Doc to Webmaster for formatting and conversion to PDF for posting to Web and dispatch to Judges and Clubs. A reprinting of the Rules was now required and agreed to obtain quotes for printing of 100 copies (one year supply). Moved that Secretary be authorized to order reprint if quote reasonable. CARRIED. Webmaster to remove the approved On Trial rules from web leaving only the Duties of the AFA Representative as "On Trial".

Question asked – can people doing the Judges Exam get a copy of the Rules in Word format as it would be easier to cut and paste. Following discussion general agreement that only PDF versions should be circulated to prevent unauthorised amendments.

iii) Annual Return to ACT Registrar - Generals Office

Secretary reported Forms were completed and needed to be lodged with ACT Registrar- Generals Office with payment of \$33. Secretary to forward Forms to Kylie for lodgment.

iv) Discussion re Junior Handler Motion.

Committee noted that whilst the Motion to implement a Junior Handler Scheme had not obtained the necessary 75% majority to be approved at the AGM it had received significant (more than 50%) support. The Committee accepted that the introduction of some form of Junior Program seemed to be worth investigating. The following members volunteered to form a Sub Committee to consider and report back to Committee on initiatives that could be taken to encourage juniors to be part of flyball – Ilona (Chair), Lyn and Kylie.

The Committee noted that none of the other 5 Motions had received support and saw no benefit in any follow up action.

ITEM - Dog Incident Sub Committee Report.

No matters requiring actions reported since last Meeting.

ITEM - Report from Rules Sub Committee

No Meeting of Sub Committee since last meeting. Following past matter still outstanding :

Review of Dog Aggression Penalty Guidelines for situations where dog is injured.

ITEM - Update re Sydney Royal and 2011 Nationals.

Richard indicated that Sub Committee was same as in 2009 and that nothing currently needed attention. Planning would start later in 2009 for the 2010 Royal.

ITEM - World Dog Games Update.

Secretary advised that following last Meeting he had written to Games Organisers raising the clarifications seen as required. He had received the following advice on matters raised:

- Q - Running surface and size of the Flyball demonstration area. Demonstration Area likely to be rubber matting but only about 8 meters by 10 meters. Organisers indicated they did not expect flyballers to be doing full runs but rather basic training of dogs on box work, turns, tug toy and the like. Only needed 6 to 8 dogs per demo plus two people on stand. Not sure if Demo needed for the Friday.
- Q - Running Surface for Spectacular. This will be anti fatigue matting and will be set up down middle of Arena and will have at least a 55 ft Run back.
- Q - Whether Dogfest participants could attend Spectacular – no answer as yet.
- Q - Parking for Dogfest and Spectacular participants . Only limited Parking is available at ACER Arena and a limited allocation would be made for Teams in Spectacular (sharing of transport by Teams is likely to be necessary). There will be a drop of and pick up area. No parking will be available for Dogfest participants who will need to park in P1. Moved and Seconded that they AFA reimburse members involved in Dogfest for costs of Parking in P1. CARRIED.
- Q - Whether titer testing would be acceptable as an alternative to vaccinations – answer – yes provided Certificate obtained in the 6 Months leading up to Games and contained the dogs Microchip number.

- Q - Insurance Cover- .Organisers indicated they understood our request and they would arrange same level of Insurance cover as held by AFA. They advised however they were however planning to charge each participant in Spectacular \$10 to cover Insurance cost.

It was noted that tickets had now gone on sale and that a link had been placed on the AFA Web site as required under the Agreement. Arrangements were in place to photograph flyball dogs involved in Spectacular at Holroyd Comp.

Games Organisers had advised that Information Packs and Participants Contracts should be available for dispatch to competitors by around mid September.

Richard reported he had volunteer Clubs for Dogfest on the Saturday and Sunday

ITEM – Sydney Pet Expo update.

Richard advised he had just sent out information to Clubs re Pet Expo. Contract would be same as in 2008 and AFA would receive \$500 and all involved free parking and entry. Sutherland had volunteered to run Saturday and Southern Cross was considering the Friday. He still needed a Club for Sunday.

ITEM - Signature Lights Update

President reported he had received advise from Signature Lights just before the AGM which again indicated that they hoped to get Lights released from Australian Customs shortly. Committee noted that this advice had been received on a number of occasions over last 6 months and nothing eventuated. Moved and Seconded that President make phone contact with Mark at Signature and request that he refund our payment until he was able to secure Customs release and we would then immediately pay before delivery. Suggested we should again ask for details of Consignment Note and Agent and whom Mark was dealing with at customs. If this did not result in resolution then legal action to be instituted. Ilona to advise details of a possible lawyer who could assist. CARRIED.

ITEM - Judges Exam Format Review –

No action since last Meeting. Matter to stay on Agenda. Ian to follow up Rosie to confirm she was still willing to Chair Sub Committee. Members confirmed as Rosie, Ian, Penny, Jenny and Ilona.

ITEM - Proposal from member to hold State Championships each year.

Sub Committee had yet to meet to progress issues identified at initial Meeting. Membership confirmed as Ilona (Chair), Steve Pitt, Eric, and Lyn. Ilona to organize next meeting.

ITEM - Purina Sponsorship Proposal

Submission to Purina re Sponsorship of AFA had been acknowledged and initial reply was very positive. Kylie expecting a formal reply from Purina in near future. May need to discuss with Purina supply of equipment to all involved States in order to avoid AFA having to transport bulky equipment, like backing boards.

ITEM – ANKC Replacement Agreement.

ANKC advised they have submitted replacement Agreement to their Conference in October for approval. Secretary to send them copy of updated Rules when available for their adoption.

ITEM – AFA T Shirts

Kylie had obtained quotes for AFA T Shirts with Logo. Shirts will be black with white piping. Kylie indicated she would circulate artwork to Committee. Shirts should cost around \$26 each all up. Moved and Seconded that AFA order an initial lot of shirts for issue to Dogfest participants manning stand and doing Demos at World Dog Games. CARRIED. Moved and Seconded that shirts also be ordered and issued to AFA Committee to wear when representing AFA. CARRIED with one abstention. Total order quantity to be 40 on understanding that extra shirts can be ordered as required.

ITEM – Nationals Trophies

Leoney indicated AFA currently had 8 Divisions Trophies for Nationals. Norwest have 42 entries for Nationals. Whilst Divisions splits not yet done she sought approval to purchase extra Trophies as required if more than 8 Divisions emerged. Moved that extra trophies be approved if required at cost limit of approx \$200 each. CARRIED.

ITEM - Other Business

Leoney sought approval to order another copy of “Contribute” software for Web Data entry of Points etc. This would allow a second user to access web. Cost approx \$300. CARRIED.

Question asked – do we have a Budget for the next upgrade of the AFA Web. Leoney indicated she had not yet met with Designer to discuss next upgrade phase. Leaving it till after Nationals.

Catherine indicated she had recently received several enquiries about flyball from W.A. Secretary also indicated he had been getting enquiries. President suggested that contact be made with AFA member now in Perth (ex ACT) to see if she was interested in becoming the W.A. Representative and getting flyball started in that State.

Josh asked for clarification re Nationals Web seed times for Victorian Teams given the 4 Month Rule. Leoney advised that Web Times were as per the times shown on web at close of entries.

Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 5th October. There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed as a true record.

President.