

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

### **Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.**

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

Apologies – Nil

Meeting Opened at 7.45 pm via Go to Meetings Conference.

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

The following Items were adopted without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Membership
- 3) Treasurers Report. End July bank balance \$15,832.33
- 4) Correspondence In and Out.
- 5) Stewards Passes – Nil
- 6) Timekeepers Passes – Nil

#### **ITEM – Check of Action Sheet for Outstanding Matters. Following Items outstanding:**

Wicket Bases to be finalised.

#### **ITEM – New Members.**

Following new members approved:

Kate Dunlop, Sarah Armstrong, Corinna Giezendanne, Irina Michel, Mandy Michel, Nikki-Lee Hosking, Kate Davis, Aline Sinclair, Natasha Backhouse, Sandra Harris, Taylor Dearden, Juliette Hicks Jemm Rhook and Nathan Collins.

#### **ITEM – Sanctioned Events.**

Competition – Frankston – 10/09/11 On the Fly 2011 – Frankston Obedience Club Grounds

Competition – Croydon – 24/9/11 – Yarram – Best Friends flyball retreat 2011.

Competition – Croydon – 22 /10/11 – Euroa – Euroa Flyball Euphoria 2011

Competition – Norwest – 30/10/11 – Castle Hill Dog Grounds – Paws in the Park (**Event now Cancelled**).

Competition – Croydon – 20/11/2011 – Lilydale – Flyball at Lilydale Show 2011.

Demonstration – Awesome Pawsome – 28/8/11 - Wally Tate Park Kuraby Qld -

Note – Webmaster requested that in future she be sent a scanned copy of Sanction Applications, as she did not always receive detail for web from the competition organizer. Agreed.

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

Nil to Report.

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

Nil to Report

**ITEM – 2011 AGM Planning**

The Committee endorsed the following venues for the 2011 AGM to be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August:

**NSW** – Cerebral Palsy Alliance Building 74 Agincourt Rd, Marsfield - coordinator Richard Mellon 0427201238 and Milton Venue – coordinator Rosie Milton 0409592002

**ACT** – Belconnen Dog Club Morisset Rd Mitchell ACT – coordinator Lyn Clyde 0400481911

**Queensland** – Auto Lec 22 Gladys St Stones Corner - coordinator Jo Parkes 0425265165

**Victoria** – Berwick Dog Club McKenzie Lane Narre Warren North – coordinator Nicole Kendt 0417364968

Tasmania – RAST Office, Glenorchy Showgrounds Glenorchy – coordinator Dot Baverstock

**South Australia** – Cowan Restoration Services Unit 4/ 109 Ledger Rd Beverley - coordinator Catherine Saberton 0419803924

The Committee received the 2011 Draft Financial Statements, comprising Statement of Receipts and Payments, Balance Sheet, Asset and Depreciation Schedule and Notes to Accounts and agreed that these Statements should now be submitted to the Auditor for review and certification. The Statements showed a 2011 Net Income (surplus) of \$6639.72. The Statements and the Auditors Report to be submitted to the members at the AGM. The Committee endorsed the required statutory Statement to accompany the Annual Report when lodged.

The Committee noted that to date two member Motions had been submitted and that the closing date for such submissions was 5<sup>th</sup> August. The Secretary would arrange to have all submitted Motions posted to the AFA Web site and notified to members via email as soon as possible after the 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Nominations for Committee close on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Ian Gauntlett reported that he had obtained an independent scrutineer -, Mr. Peter Rouse. Peter will function as the overall voting coordinator.

The Awards Sub Committee of Kylie, Pat and Julie was confirmed.

Secretary to send each Venue coordinator the required paperwork and information about the Conference call link prior to the Meeting.

#### **ITEM - Submission to reinstate a suspended dog.**

The Committee noted a submission from the Team Manager of Sydney Psychos, seeking to have Oran (CRN 1285A) assessed for reinstatement. The Committee noted that Oran had been suspended for a 6 months period on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 for an aggression incident at a Dapto competition. The reinstatement submission stated that the dog had received extensive re-training since the suspension and was now felt to be ready to resume participation in flyball.

The Committee, whilst accepted the statement that the dog had received "substantial retraining", agreed that in line with the requirements imposed on other members seeking reassessment, some form of log or summary report outlining the nature, frequency and supervision of the dogs retraining needed to be submitted before assessment could be approved. The Committee noted that it had indicated to the member that a retraining log would be required when the initial suspension was imposed. Subsequent correspondence (of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010) advised the member that whilst a weekly training log was not mandatory at least a summary statement indicating the nature and frequency of the retraining should accompany any request for reassessment. The general statements in the application were not seen as providing sufficient detail of the nature, frequency and supervision of the training program.

With respect to the request contained in the submission that the assessment criteria be submitted for review and that the assessment be conducted at one of the Clubs training session the Committee agreed that any assessment of Oran should follow the past process adopted by the Committee to assess suspended dogs. This included the dog being assessed in as close to a competition format as possible. The adopted process was that assessment is conducted by 3 appointed officials using a flyball ring set up at the end of a competition and with the requirement that the dog under assessment run in all 4 positions in its team with another team racing in the other lane. This process to be advised to the member as requested in the submission.

#### **ITEM - Membership renewals.**

The Treasurer raised the matter of how to further encourage member to renew membership using the on line format rather than submitting hard copy. Hard copy applications needed to be data entered by the Treasurer – a time consuming process, as she had to log on as the member and then log off and on again as Treasurer to approve the application. Each hard copy application (and there were hundreds in 2011) took her quite a few minutes whereas each member could do his or her own application in less than a minute. The Committee noted that members were not

required to use electronic banking when they used the soft copy application and could still submit payment via cheque. Suggestion made we further promote use of web-based renewal via Flying Times and via Club coordinators. After discussion it was also suggested that depending on the results of renewals in 2012 we may need to consider establishing a charge for hard copy processing, of say \$10, which would not apply if the member used the soft copy renewal.

#### **ITEM – Other Business.**

- 1) Purina sponsorship competitions update. Jo reported that problems had been encountered re the Purina Queensland Championship competition scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September. The event at which this competition was being run is sponsored by another dog food company who has objected to the event organizers re the Purina involvement. The event organizers have advised that no promotion of Purina may occur if the competition goes ahead. After negotiation the decision had to be made to cancel the flyball competition as it would have in effect added to the exposure of the other dog food company – something clearly not in line with the AFA's agreement with Purina. Suggestion made that we approach Purina to see if they would agree to transfer the sponsorship to the Redfest event competition scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11th September. Jo agreed she would contact Redfest organisers to see if they wanted to seek approval and would promptly notify Richard so he could raise with Take Two. The SAFE competition application was also reviewed – Richard indicated that Purina would not provide any cash sponsorship for other than the Nationals and that he was still to take up with Purina/Take Two the issue of arranging transport from SAFE to Canberra to ensure delivery by Wednesday after SAFE.**
- 2) Sue advised that she noted that the dog age indicator in the database did not show the correct age of dogs. Pat advised that this is one the list of things to fix when the Data Base is next amended.**
- 3) Josh raised matter of the appearance of the AFA's Title Certificates, which he felt, could be improved. Agreed that Pat should look into updated designs. Josh offer to have Michelle submit a redesign suggestion. Any suggestion to go to Pat.**
- 4) The Committee reviewed the use of the new Go to Meeting system and all agreed it was a great improvement on the conference call methodology. Agreed to continue to use Go to Meeting.**

**Next meeting set for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm.**

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed as a true record.

President.