

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

### **Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009.**

Present: Glenn Pritchard, Ian Kendt, Brian Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Jenny Millar, Eric van Zuyden, Lyn Clyde, Richard Mellon,, Maureen Williamson, Penny Lloyd ,Jess McNamara and Kylie White.

Apologies: Catherine Saberton, Rosie Milton, Ilona Van Galen and Leoney Pritchard

Meeting Opened by President at 7.40 pm.

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

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

- 1) Minutes of Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009;
- 2) Treasurers Report (Bank Balance end July \$19,963.88.)
- 3) Accounts approved – Reimbursement for Printer Ink and Postage \$53.05.
- 4) Correspondence received (all dealt with under separate Agenda items)
- 5) New and 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:

Comp – Awesome Pawsome – 25<sup>th</sup> July Queensland Flyball Challenge Mt Gravatt Show.

Demo – Awesome Pawsome – 25<sup>th</sup> July – Singles and Pairs racing during Competition.

Comp \_ Awesome Pawsome – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Flyball on the Oval - Cleveland Showgrounds Cleveland plus Champion Trophy format and singles and pairs racing through out day.

Comp – Tuggeranong Torpedoes – 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. Flyball Fun in the Sun – Tuggeranong Town park Anketell St Tuggeranong.

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 09 – Border Collie Club Show -Royal Showground Glenorchy Tas .

## **ITEM - Administrative Matters**

Stewards Exam - passes for: Brian Lindsay CRN 535 and Edna Pearce 1359.

Rosie advised she had received and was in process of marking Judges exam for Verdelle Townsend.

Kylie asked if Committee would approve Dianna Richmond as a new Member (Mudd on Paws) subject to receipt of money ( application posted Sunday ) – Agreed.

## **ITEM – Change of Clubs**

Richard asked that Treasurer confirm recording of change of Club (from PICS I to Scallywags) for Larissa Halliday CRN 1260

## **ITEM - 2009 AGM Planning.**

Secretary reported that initial post out to all members (AGM Instructions, Agenda, Minutes of 2008 Meeting, Rules Explanation and Ballot and Committee nominations forms) had been sent to members and information posted to Web.

Treasurer had finalized 2008/09 Financial Statements and these were now with the Auditors.

Stocktake in progress.

Secretary reminded each Venue Co-coordinator that they needed to finalise the appointment of the required independent scrutineer.

Committee needed to approve Certificates re Accounts being true and fair and a Committee Report required to accompany Annual Return. Formats as circulated before Meeting. Moved and Seconded that the Report of Committee and Statement re Accounts be approved. CARRIED.

President asked Committee to move a vote of thanks to Norwest members who assisted with the enveloping and post out of the 600 letters to Members. CARRIED.

## **Other actions - ITEM - Dog Incident Sub Committee Report.**

Committee noted that the Sub Committee report recommending actions with respect to the two dog aggression Black Card incidents at Jumping in June Competition at Pine Rivers and an incident with 3 members involved in a public dispute following one of the Black Card incidents, had been approved by Committee via email rotary resolution. The Committee had approved:

- Oolah ( CRN 1172A) be placed on a 9 month Probation for the aggression incident involving Lizzie. During the probation period Oolah to be subject to behaviour retraining with submission of reports.

- That both Lizzie (CRN 348A) and Misty's handler ( CRN 479) be issued with Warning letters regarding the aggression incident involving the two dogs during set up for Race.
- That all 3 Members involved in the public altercation after the Lizzie/Misty incident be written to and given a warning regarding unacceptable behaviour and Pine Rivers Club also be given a copy of these letters.

The Secretary advised all letters had been sent to the relevant members in line with Committee approval.

Following consideration of these matters some concern was expressed regarding the appropriateness of the current penalty Guidelines where an aggression incident resulted in clear evidence of injury to a dog as a result of the incident. Moved and Seconded that the Guidelines be reviewed to ensure that appropriate actions flowed from levels of aggression displayed by dogs. Matter to be reconsidered by Rules Sub Committee. CARRIED.

### **ITEM - Report from Rules Sub Committee**

The Committee noted that Rule Notification 12 had been passed at last Meeting effective from 1<sup>st</sup> August dealing with treatment of dogs (Inhumane treatment and mistreatment of a dog) and had been issued to Clubs, Judges and placed on web. The change needed to be added to the "On Trial Rules" section of the web to finalise action.

The Committee noted the draft input received from Jenny Millar regarding the duties and role of the AFA representative and the various comments from members of the Committee on Jenny's summary of Duties. The Committee noted that the Secretary had represented the Duties taking into account comments received, in the format of an addition to the Rule wording – Clause 10.4 headed AFA Representatives Duties.

The Committee agreed to adopt the wording of Clause 10.4 as an On Trial Rule effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September and to issue the amendment to Clubs, Judges and placed on web as Rule Advice Number 13. CARRIED.

### **ITEM - Update re Sydney Royal and 2011 Nationals.**

Secretary advised he had written to Lynne Bennett of Take Two Marketing confirming that AFA had approved Sydney Royal Show as venue for 2011 Nationals and with Purina as Sponsor. Lynne had replied acknowledging advise with thanks.

In order to continue forward planning the Committee recognised the need to reappoint an AFA Planning Sub Committee to deal with RAS, Purina and Take Two regarding event planning . The Committee noted that the members of the 2009 Sub Committee had again agreed to serve. The Committee resolved to appoint the 2009 Sub Committee members(Richard Mellon Chair, Brian Lindsay, Frank Lux, Les Scott, Karen Bland, Glenn Pritchard, Noella Smith) to the Sydney Royal Planning Sub Committee. CARRIED.

## **ITEM - World Dog Games Update.**

Secretary advised that the President had signed the Agreement with the Games organisers and the AFA had completed all actions required of it under the Agreement. He had notified the Games organisers of all information required.

As agreed at last Meeting the Secretary had raised with the Games organizers the issues of :

- running surface and size of the Flyball demonstration area. The concern was that the demonstration were planned to be in the courtyard area around ACER stadium and the ground surface was concrete. The organisers had responded with advise that they were not yet in a position to advise on these matters but that they understood that full runs could not be conducted on concrete. The President indicated he had discussed this matter with Tara and she indicated they were considering laying turf. Matter unresolved at this stage.
- Whether titer testing would be acceptable as an alternative to vaccinations - organisers had replied indicating they were required to consult the Animal Welfare League and their vet on all matters involving dogs health and safety, including this issue. Matter remained unresolved at this stage.
- Insurance Cover and the Indemnity and Waiver Clauses contained in the Draft Contract Agreements organisers planned to ask all Spectacular participants to sign ( Handlers, Judges, Stewards, Timekeepers shaggers etc). The draft document as submitted to AFA for our information did not provide for organisers to cover our members for Public Liability Insurance and required members to waive all rights and to hold organisers totally harmless for all events or action arising from the WDGs. These terms were seen as being unsatisfactory and organisers were asked to reconsider the Agreement recognizing that people would be taking part as volunteers and not paid participants. The organisers had verbally indicated to the President that participants would be covered under their insurance but had not formally responded to either insurance or liability waiver issues. Matter remained unresolved at this stage.

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. It was noted that the ticket booking facility listed only two performances of the Spectacular, one on Saturday afternoon and one on Sunday afternoon. It was understood that the Friday performance was still scheduled to be a private event for disadvantaged children. It was noted that the organisers had earlier indicated that second performances would be planned on Saturday and Sunday subject to ticket demand.

It was noted that given the uncertainty regarding the running surface for Demos and the area likely to be available it was not possible to sanction this activity as an AFA approved event at this time. Members therefore could not be invited to take part until this matter was resolved.

Moved and Seconded that Secretary notify Games organisers of need for early decision and to follow up on matters of titer testing, Insurance, waiver and indemnity. CARRIED.

### **ITEM - Signature Lights Update**

President reported he had received advise from Signature Lights indicating 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 again take matter up with both Sam Ford and Lee Heighton, current President of NAFA and send Mark a further request, copied to NAFA, asking for details of Consignment Note and Agent and an explanation of problems being encountered with customs. If this did not result in resolution then Legal Action to be instituted, with input from NAFA if possible. CARRIED.

### **ITEM - Judges Exam Format Review –**

No action since last Meeting. Matter to stay on Agenda.

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

Sub Committee had yet to meet to further issues of rules for entry and how State Champion would be decided. Key issue is under our Rules a State Champion Event had to be open to all teams from any State to enter. One issue to be resolved was should only home state teams be able to be crowned their State Champion or could any team be the State Champion? Preferably a common set of rules should apply for all States. Sub Committee would continue to address these issues.

### **ITEM – Nationals advertising Proposal.**

In line with Committees earlier decision to allocate up to \$1,000 to support promotion of the AFA Nationals each year (subject to availability of funds and specific approval of organizing Club proposal) Norwest submitted format for add in “Urban Animal” Magazine (distribution of 40,000 copies in Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong and surrounds). Committee approved add text and lay out. President asked Committee to formally thank Elizabeth Coombes and Leoney for their work in the add design. CARRIED.

### **ITEM - Purina Sponsorship Proposal**

Submission re Purina Sponsorship of AFA had been submitted to Purina for consideration. No response at this stage. Suggested that president make contact with Purina to confirm receipt and that Purina did not require any further information in order to consider the submission. CARRIED.

### **ITEM - 2009 National Team Nomination Form in Soft Copy.**

Norwest had submitted a suggested for approval a soft copy Nationals entry form that would reduce the amount of data entry needed to produce the competition paperwork. The form was very similar to AFA hard copy format. In discussion it was agreed that Norwest

would accept hard copy format if Clubs had problems submitting the soft copy excel format. Clubs should submit both soft excel format and a hard copy form with entry fee payment CARRIED.

### **ITEM – ANKC Replacement Agreement between AFA and ANKC.**

Committee noted that current ANKC Agreement lapsed at end of 2009. ANKC had requested consideration be given to a replacement Agreement between the two organizations. Consideration had been given to improved wording and a draft prepared by Richard (with minor amendments by Secretary) had been sent to ANKC Flyball organiser for initial consideration. ANKC had replied indicating general acceptance with two minor amendments requested. Noted Agreement needed to go to ANKC Annual Conference for their adoption. Moved and Seconded that revised Agreement with ANKC Amendments be adopted by AFA and submitted to ANKC for their consideration and adoption. Subject to ANKC agreement this would ensure that Flyball was shown as an ANKC endorsed sport for a further two year period from 1st January 2010 and AFA members who were also ANKC members could continue to get ANKC titles for their dogs.

### **Other Business**

Eric enquired re production of Next flying Times – President to follow up with Ilona.

Eric advised Committee he was in process of changing Trophy Shop supplier in view of some delays in receipt of ordered Plaques.

Richard reminded Committee that Sydney Pet Expo was due to be held in early November but that we had heard nothing about the event since last year. AFA had not yet signed any Agreement to participate. Agreed Richard should contact event organisers to see if Expo is going ahead and what arrangements are envisaged so that AFA can advise Members.

President indicated that this was the last Meeting of the Committee before the AGM and that he wanted to extend his thanks to all members for their input and support of the AFA through out 2008/09.

Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 7th September. There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed as a true record.

President.