

## **Draft Minutes – Subject to final approval at July 2010 Meeting**

### **Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

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

Apologies, Pat Byrne and Jo Parkes.

Meeting Opened at 7.57 pm. President welcomed Julie Pamplin to her first Committee Meeting.

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

The following Items were adoption without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of May meeting.
- 2) Renewal of Membership (as per Treasurers Report)
- 3) Accounts for payment.
- 4) Correspondence

Moved and Seconded that starred Items be adopted CARRIED.

#### **ITEM – Check of Action Sheet for Outstanding Matters.**

The Committee noted that the Rules Sub Committee were in final stages of finalizing wording associated with Rule changes for measuring and height cards, box malfunctions in warm up period and false starts in forfeit situation and proposed wording would be circulated for consideration at July Meeting.

#### **ITEM – Treasurers Report**

Committee noted bank balance as at end May of \$31,337.55.

In the absence of any immediate opportunity to purchase a further set of Timing Lights The Treasurer recommended that the Committee approve a investment of \$20,000 (that would include the \$3000 annual Lights Provision investment for 2010) by transfer from the Commonwealth Bank Working Account to a St George Interest Bearing Deposit Account, with a view to eventually consolidating the two existing St.George IBD's (totaling \$16,610 and the new \$20,000 investment) into one Term Deposit of \$36,610. At current interest rates this Investment will earn interest of \$2,200 p.a. Seconded Leoney Pritchard. CARRIED.

### **ITEM – Correspondence in.**

The Committee noted the letter from Noela Walton regarding an incident that she witnessed at the Hastings Competition in April. The Committee also noted statements from Emma le Cras (the Judge) and Eric van Zuyden regarding the incident and noted that neither wanted the matter taken further. Secretary to respond to Noela with this advise.

The Committee also noted the letter from ActewAGL providing the requested assurance that the grass surface for the 2012 Nationals would be of a suitable standard to ensure competitive racing.

### **ITEM – Sanctioned Events.**

Comp – Hastings – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - Pets Day out – Ballam Park, Frankston (Veterans Class included).

Comp – Berwick – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – National Flyball Championships – Dandenong Show

Comp – Hastings \_ Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – Bass Coast Show – Wonthaggi Reserve Wonthaggi

Comp - Eastside Flyers – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – RACV Aust Day Flyball Celebration – Kings Domain Gardens Melbourne.

Comp – Berwick – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 – Berwick Highland Games - Berwick Highland Gathering.

Comp – Berwick – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – Pakenham Flyball Comp – 2011 Pakenham Centenary Show

Comp – Eastside Flyers – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011- Ringwood Games – Jubilee Park Gardini Ave Ringwood.

Comp – Inaugural National Veterans Championship – Sydney Flyball Associates – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – Overflow area Sydney Royal Show Homebush. (Veterans Competition to be supported by unofficial Singles and Pairs Racing events for dogs not entered in Veterans Competition).

Demo – Tassie Flying paws – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 Tasman District School Grounds – Tasman School Fair.

Demo – Eastside Flyers – Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Melbourne Pet and Animal Expo – Caulfield Racecourse.

The Committee noted and endorsed the special conditions (non-official singles and pairs racing during the Inaugural National Veterans Championship in April 2011).

#### **ITEM - New Members**

Following new members approved:

Michelina Bajjada; Natalie Winslade; Nicole Walters; Leigh Stretton and Robin Hatswell.

#### **ITEM – Members Changing Clubs.**

Annabel Wolf (CRN 1350) and her 3 dogs (1350 A, B, and C) – transferring from Norwest to new Club Paws 4 Fun with request for exemption from 90 Day Rule. Approved.

The Committee also noted that Rosemary Lane had now formally requested that her deferred transfer with the 90-Day exemption approved in April to Fast and Furious Club now be actioned. Approved.

#### **ITEM - Stewards Exam Passes.**

The Committee noted that Mike McChesney of the Flyball Fanatics Club had passed the stewards exam and should be added to the qualified stewards list on the AFA Web.

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

**No Incidents to report.**

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

The Rules Sub Committee had meet and drafted amended Rules re challenges to dogs with height cards and other outstanding matters but all Sub Committee members had yet to approve circulation of the drafts. The draft Rules will be circulated shortly for consideration at July Committee Meeting. Richard raised matter of what should be the situation re the “challenged” dog competing pending the revised Rules being approved. He suggested suspending challenges. After discussion the Committee agreed that it was not appropriate to suspend existing Rules and that the appropriate course of action was for the member to have the dog measured before start of Competition and to race at the measured height. Approved.

### **ITEM - Alternative Lights Suppliers Update.**

Alternative options for Lights still being explored by Wayne and Ian with nothing to report at this stage.

### **ITEM - Purina Sponsorship Proposal Update.**

Richard reported that Purina were still to submit the updated Sponsorship Agreement for consideration by the AFA but that Lynne Bennett of Take Two had submitted an email response dated 31<sup>st</sup> May to clarify value and basis of calculation of elements of Agreement. The matter of transport of the Purina equipment to selected interstate events was still a matter of disagreement. The email indicated Purina were keen to finalise the Agreement by end June if possible. Committee agreed that Richard and Brian should continue negotiations via a face-to-face Meeting with Purina and Take Two with a view to early resolution.

The Committee noted the letter from Berwick requesting clarification of plans for sponsorship of the 2010 Nationals. Richard and Brian confirmed that Purina had confirmed at last Meeting they were totally committed to 2010 Nationals as the Sponsor and that Purina signed equipment would be provided, plus trophies for first place in all Divisions and 1.5 kg bags of product for all competitors. Other elements of sponsorship would be confirmed at Meeting with Purina in near future.

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

Date and time of Meeting confirmed as Saturday 21st August 7.30 pm. Venues had to be finalized at July meeting so members can be informed. Noted that President would chair Meeting from Melbourne and hence independent Returning Officer should be based in Melbourne. Matters for Member Ballot (Rules) need to be finalized at July Meeting. Webmaster to advise Members of AGM Date via web.

### **ITEM – Approval Process for Training Sessions before Competitions.**

Committee noted that part of the decision to allow training sessions to be conducted prior to start of Competitions was that these needed to be approved as part of Competition approval process as a Special condition. This requirement had been overlooked at one recent Competition where a decision was made to allow training on the day. Reminder to be sent to Clubs and Judges re need for pre approval of training.

## **ITEM - AFA/ANKC Agreement.**

Secretary had circulated the ANKC response to the Draft replacement AFA/ANKC Agreement re Flyball. The ANKC had requested on minor change to the Draft Agreement approved by AFA in October 2009. The change related to clarification of the insurance situation regarding voluntary workers. The Committee agreed to accept the minor alteration as proposed. Secretary to advise ANKC and to coordinate signature of Agreement.

## **ITEM - Notification to Judges re assignments completed.**

In order to allow Judges to be aware of the number of assignments they had completed it was proposed that the information be provided on the AFA web. This would require an upgrade of web and Webmaster would discuss with web designer. In interim President would notify existing Judges of the assignment recorded on Data Base.

## **General Business**

### **i) Honour Board on AFA Web Site**

Eric suggested AFA reconsider decision not to place an Honour Board listing of Past Presidents, Deputy Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Supervisory Judges on AFA Web. Question asked – do we have a comprehensive listing. Eric indicated he had produced a list in past but was not sure whether he still had data. Agreed Secretary to do a search of past Minutes to identify when matter was considered and ITEM to be listed for further discussion at July Meeting.

### **ii) Junior Stewards Patches**

Lynne circulated the Patch Designs provided by Liz Coombes. Members of Committee expressed preference for designs that included the full words Australian Flyball Association. Secretary advised that Data Search indicated we actually don't have any accredited Junior Stewards at present and only about 30 Junior Members. This raised issue of minimum number of patches that could be ordered and costs. Lynne to get quotes and details for next meeting.

### **iii) Judge Timing Systems**

Wayne reported he was still trying to contact Dave Blow re possible repairs to S.A. judge system. Further follow up of Steve Pitt to obtain contact details suggested. Wayne also reported that the sound on the loaned ACT set was not working. Maureen reported Tasmanian set was also not operating and basically could not be used except for start light tree. Catherine raised issue of PARA Club not paying the AFA Lights levy,

as they had to use manual timing for entire competition. After discussion it was Moved and Seconded that the Light levy not apply to the use of the old Judge Systems pending clarification of possible repairs or replacement. Secretary raised matter of possible acquisition of the NAFA accredited Dog systems as an option for replacement of the 3 Judge systems. Web link to be provided and matter listed for discussion at next Meeting.

**iv) Timekeepers Exam Format**

Ian enquired where Richard was up to re Timekeepers Exam format. Richard responded that it was on his "to do" list.

**v) Queensland State Championships Sponsorship.**

Richard advised that Jo Parkes was seeking Purina Sponsorship for the forthcoming Queensland State Championships as part of AFA/ Purina Agreement. Committee agreed this should be one of the 6 approved competitions for 2010 – Purina to be so notified by Richard.

**v) Presidents Awards**

Kylie suggested that Committee consider the concept of annual Presidents Awards to thank any AFA Members for outstanding contributions to AFA. She suggested one possible award candidate for 2010. Concept to be placed on Agenda for consideration at July meeting.

**There being no further business Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.**

Signed as a true record.

President.