

Draft Minutes – Subject to final approval at June 2010 Meeting

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd May 2010.

Present: Ian Kendt, Brian Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Jenny Millar, Eric van Zuyden, Lyn Clyde, Richard Mellon, Josh Ellen, Kylie White, Catherine Saberton and Wayne Stroop.

Apologies, Maureen Williamson, Penny Lloyd, Joanne Parkes and Leoney Pritchard.

Meeting Opened at 7.49 pm.

ITEM - Starred Items.

The following Items were adoption without discussion:

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

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 had yet to meet to consider matters associated with measuring and height cards, box malfunctions in warm up period and false starts in forfeit situation. Noted that the Sub Committee is scheduled to meet on 10th May.

ITEM – Treasurers Report

Committee noted bank balance as at end April of \$27,031

ITEM – Correspondence in.

The Committee noted the comprehensive letter from Bill Reynolds from Ballarat Club replying to the AFA letter regarding seedtime calculations. The Committee noted the detailed explanations submitted by Bill and accepted that they were reasonable given the circumstances outlined in the letter. The Committee agreed that Ballarat had acted reasonably in accordance with the Seed Time Rules.

ITEM – Sanctioned Events.

Demo – Queensland Rep –8th May – Salt Village Central Park Kingscliff.

ITEM - New Members

Following new members approved:

Tracey Collins, John Wallman, Meredith Raynor, David Yould, Jane Phoumivong, Louise Hamilton, Michelina Bajjada, Richard Hingst, Lucy McDonald, Melissa Suppa, Bob Kinaston, Kylie Hayes, Ann Whyte, Elizabeth Murdoch, and Robert Murdoch.

ITEM – Members Changing Clubs.

Kerry Wallison – transferring from DNF to Pine Rivers with Harley (CRN 845A). No exemption needed as has not competed in over 90 days.

Following Members transferring from Norwest Thunderdogs to new Club – Paws 4 Fun and seeking exemption from 90 day Rule based on Paws 4 Fun being a new flyball Club:

Lisa Pedersen and Pjevs CRN 990A; Linda Petersen and Twiggy CRN 1080A; Joanne Channel with Joshua and Sirius 1024A and 1024B; Jim Curtis and Indiana CRN 1241A, Julie McAndrew and Mississippi CRN 1242A. Committee agreed to exemptions being granted.

ITEM - Dog Incident Sub Committee Report.

No Incidents to report.

ITEM - Report from Rules Sub Committee

The Rules Sub Committee had not meet – Meeting scheduled for Monday 10th May with report to come to June Committee Meeting.

ITEM - Alternative Lights Suppliers.

The Committee noted that Colin Bruce had advised that the person who makes the U-Fly lights in the US is Eric Tindall and provided the email contact details for Eric.

The Committee also noted that Ian and Wayne were separately exploring the possibility of a local manufacturer building the lights using PC based software as this was seen as a preferable outcome from a repair and upgrade viewpoint. Initial feedback was quite positive and the Committee agreed that research should continue with a view to getting estimates of costs and time to develop and construct. Richard suggested that Ian and Wayne develop a common specification for release to the two interested manufacturers. Ian agreed and also sought approval to set up the Victorian Lights so that the manufacturer could see the Signature Lights in operation. Committee approved this action.

The Committee agreed to hold off any contact with U- Fly re lights until the local manufacture option was fully explored.

ITEM - Judges Exam Format Review.

The Committee considered the drafts of the revised Judges program based on combination of experience and multiple-choice exams. The Exam formats and questions had been submitted to the April meeting and the Committee had now had the opportunity to fully read and consider the content. Kylie reported that the Supervising Judge has indicated her support for the new format and the questions but had suggested that the required pass mark be increased from 80% to 85%.

Moved and Seconded that the new Exams be adopted for implementation effective immediately for both Provisional Judges and also for upgrading of Judges. CARRIED. Secretary to develop wording to be posted to AFA Web advising members of the new Judges accreditation system.

Kylie indicated that the Supervisory judge's computer had recently died and it may be a month before the hard drive was replaced. Committee agreed that in these circumstances Ian should be the temporary contact for members interested in undertaking the exam. Exam control and marking would continue to be via Supervisory judge.

The Committee noted that the Exam for AFA Representative was still under development.

ITEM - Purina Sponsorship Proposal.

Richard reported that Purina were still to submit the updated Sponsorship Agreement for consideration by the AFA. He agreed to follow up and stress the need for early resolution given forthcoming events such as the 2010 Nationals. Richard and Brian indicated that Take Two had given a verbal assurance at the recent Meeting that Purina had fully accepted the 2010 Nationals commitment re sponsorship. Agreed this needed to be confirmed in writing ASAP.

ITEM – Vacancy on Committee

The Committee noted that due to other commitments Ilona had been unable to attend any Committee Meetings in 2010. In the circumstances the Committee agreed to declare Ilona's Committee membership vacant

and to seek to fill the vacancy. A suggested interested Member was nominated and it was agreed that the Secretary would invite that person to join the Committee for the balance of the year.

General Business

- i) **Eric sought clarification of what should happen to AFA Lights Levy fees where a team withdrew from a Competition and no entry fee refund was given by the host Club. Agreed that in these circumstances the Lights Levy should be paid to AFA. Richard suggested this be added to the existing instructions for Competition organizers on the AFA Web.**

- ii) **Richard suggested that the Committee set the date for the 2010 AGM so that regional reps could start to book venues. Meeting noted that the AGM is normally on last Saturday in August. The Meeting agreed to the date of Saturday 28th August for the 2010 AGM**

- iii) **Ian advised the Meeting that when conducting Champion trophy format it was possible to program the Lights to silence the horn for the start but to still allow it to sound for early passes. Feature to allow this was in the advanced program options of the System.**

- iv) **Joshua asked for clarification re process to be followed to seek assessment of remedial training of a suspended dog. Advised that towards end of the suspension period the member should submit Training Logs to the Chair of the Dog Incident Sub Committee together with a request to evaluate the dog. The Chair would arrange an appropriate evaluation process with the Regional representative. On a point of further clarification the question was asked could a Suspended dog be entered for a Competition to take place after the minimum suspension period (subject to satisfactory evaluation). The Committee asked for this question to be submitted in writing so it could be forwarded to the Rules Sub Committee for consideration.**

- v) **Ian reported that Berwick had further considered 2010 Nationals Judges based on latest indication of availability and would be shortly inviting 6 Ring Judges. One Judge in each Ring would not be running a dog. Catherine indicated she would be available, if needed, to do a limited amount of relief Judging. Eric indicated he was also available to assist if needed.**

- vi) **Kylie advised that the NSW Lights were still occasionally malfunctioning in the right lane – incorrect run times were being shown –sometimes a combined time for two dogs or on the weekend one impossible fast time for one dog and hence an incorrect fast time for the team. The problem was very intermittent.**

- vii) **Brian Indicated that a competitor had broken her arm in a fall at the Muddies competition last Sunday and that whilst they had indicated it was an accident and they were not seeking to make any claim he had asked the member to submit a Incident report and that any witness's also needed to submit statements. Lyn would follow up as the AFA Rep at the Competition.**

There being no further business Meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed as a true record.

President.