

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 21th AUGUST 2010
(Subject to approval at 2011 AGM)

The Meeting opened at 7.44 pm EST with telephone connections to the following venues:

A.C.T. – CDC Clubhouse – Organiser Lyn Clyde

Victoria - Croydon - Organiser Eric Van Zuyden

Keilor Obedience Dog Training Club – Organiser Julie Merryfull

Sydney - Spastic Centre – Organiser Richard Mellon

Ulladulla NSW – Organiser Rosie Milton

Queensland –Logan City Animal Centre – Organiser Joann Parkes

South Australia –Cowan Restoration Services - Organiser Catherine Saberton

Tasmania – RAST Offices Glenorchy – Organiser Dot Baverstock.

Attendance of Members – 82 members as per the venue attendance sheets.

Apologies –President indicated that he had apologies from Sue Norton, Carolyn Henry , Michelle Gilbey, Ian Gauntlett and Helen Gauntlett . He asked for other apologies – Members advised apologies for Amanda Jones , Bret Ironmonger, Pam Atkinson, Carolyn Floyd and Nicole Kendt.

Item 1. Minutes of 2008/09 AGM

Moved Catherine Saberton, Seconded Anne Holland that the 2008/09 AGM Minutes be accepted. CARRIED

Item 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil matters arising.

Item 3. Presidents Report.

Ian Kendt read his 2009/10 Presidents Report, which will also be made available for members to read on the AFA web.

Item 4 Financial Statements and Auditors Report.

The Treasurer introduced the 2009/10 AFA Financial Statements and the accompanying Auditors Report and invited any comments or questions. No questions or comments.

Moved Patricia Byrnes, Seconded Dot Baverstock that the Financial Reports be accepted. CARRIED.

Item 5 Notification of appointed Returning Officer.

The President advised the Meeting that the AFA Committee had appointed Sandie McEachern as Returning Officer. Sandie was not a Member or Associate Member of the AFA. The Returning officer was present at the Croydon venue.

At this point in the Meeting the President asked if the venue scrutineers could advise their head count of eligible voting members. At time of count the following members were present:

Sydney	21
Ulladulla	7
Keilor	12
Croydon	12
Queensland	12
Tasmania	8
S.A.	7
ACT	3
TOTAL	82

Item 6. Announcement of results of postal Rules ballots

The President asked the Secretary to read the results of the postal ballot for the 5 Rule changes. The Secretary advised the meeting that the AFA Returning officer had received and counted all Ballots and that all Motions had received the required majority needed for adoption. The individual results were:

Motion 1 Duties of the AFA Rep	43 Yes/ 0 NO /1 Abstaining
Motion 2 Veterans Class Rules	41 Yes/ 3 No/ 0 Abstaining
Motion 3 No break out in Div 1 clarification	43 Yes/ 0 No/ 1 Abstaining
Motion 4 Eliminate reruns for forfeiting teams	41 Yes/ 2 No / 1 Abstaining
Motion 5 Box Malfunctions and Distraction Rule	43 yes/ 1 NO / 0 Abstaining

The Secretary indicated the new Rules and Policies would be included in the Official Rules and Policies document reprint as quickly as possible and an electronic version would be available on the web shortly and would be sent to all Clubs and Judges advising of the rule wording adopted.

Item 7. Member Motion Ballots.

The President indicated that there had been 3 Member resolutions submitted by members for ballot. They had been received within the time specified in the Constitution .The wording of each proposed resolution had been posted to the AFA Web site and was also printed in hard copy in the Meeting papers. He advised that under the AFA Constitution these Motions would require a 75% majority of members present and voting at AGM in order to be carried.

Motion 1 – Proposed Name of the 4000 Points Award as “Ezri Award”. Motion Moved by Eric van Zuyden and Seconded by Leoney Pritchard.

Support Statement by Mover - "Currently the AFA has Title Point Awards up to and including the Jeddah Award for dogs who achieve 3000 points. A number of dogs are now at or close to 4000 points and consideration should be given to adding a 4000 Points Award. In line with the approach followed when Jeddah became the first dog to achieve 3000 points this motion proposes that the name of the 4000 points award should reflect the name of the first AFA dog to achieve 4000 points, namely Ezri."

Motion put - That the AFA introduce a Title Award Plaque for any dog receiving 4000 points and that the Title of that award be the "Ezri Award".

Ballot result - 78 For; 2 Against; 2 Abstaining . Motion CARRIED.

Motion 2 – Honorary Life Membership for Dogs. Motion Moved by Wendy Gauntlett.

Secretary indicated Wendy’s Motion required a Secunder to be considered – Seconded Eric van Zuyden.

Motion - That any dog that has been competing in flyball for 10 years or more be given an honorary life membership and have their CRN and points remain on the website and active without having to pay the normal renewal fees.

Support Statement by Mover - The reasoning behind this motion is to recognise the dedication to the sport over such a long amount of time. As this would mean the dog would be over 11yrs minimum, they may not be running as much or at all by this stage. This would allow their CRN and Points to still be available to be seen by all on the AFA website without having to be renewed each year even if they are no longer running.

I do not believe this would be a financial burden on the Association as the number of dogs reaching this milestone would not be large and most would not be renewed for that long after this amount of time due to age and no longer being able to compete. Some older dogs may not be able to run that often at this age and may not be renewed because of this reason, especially if the handler is paying to renew other dogs.

President invited discussion on Motion. Question asked – does the AFA Data Base identify dogs that have been competing for more than 10 years. Leoney advised that the information is

in the Data Base but there would need to be some software developed to allow the data to be accessed by enquiry.

Further Question put – what happens when a dog dies. Mixed views as to whether the dog continued to be listed or not – point made AFA does not get notified of dogs who pass away.

Glenn Pritchard indicated he wanted to speak against the Motion as it would involve AFA Committee in both extra work and costs.

Motion put - That any dog that has been competing in flyball for 10 years or more be given an honorary life membership and have their CRN and points remain on the website and active without having to pay the normal renewal fees.

Result of Ballot 21 For; 47 Against and 14 Abstaining Motion LOST.

Motion 3 - Life Membership nomination .

Nomination for Life membership for Catherine Saberton Moved by Eric van Zuyden and supported by 4 other members as required in Constitution.

Support Statement by Mover - “I am writing to put forward a life membership nomination for Catherine Saberton who is the current South Australian Regional Representative.

I feel that Catherine has done a enormous amount of work to establish flyball in South Australia, she has been the Regional Rep there for a lot of years now (not sure how many), but has to be in the vicinity of around 8 - 10yrs. Catherine has also taken it upon herself to sit for the AFA judges exam so South Australia could hold AFA sanctioned competitions, without her this could not have been possible. Being the SA Rep also entitled Catherine to sit on the AFA committee for the same amount of time as she has done as Regional Rep. Catherine has also sat on a number of AFA sub committees, always a willing worker whenever there is something to be done, she has also raised a baby in this time but even this has not slowed Catherine down in her endeavour to help the AFA in numerous areas. I therefore think that Catherine would be a very deserving recipient of being awarded with a Life Membership.

President invited any comments. Question asked – should Catherine be asked to leave Meeting whilst this item was discussed?. President indicated he did not think this necessary. Several members pointed out that in the past Members nominated had been asked to leave the room during discussion. At this point S.A. venue reported Catherine had left room.

President asked did any one wish to comment on Motion. Trent Shepherd indicated he wanted to question whether Catherine had actually done enough to warrant being elected to life membership. In his opinion he was not convinced this was the case. Eric responded indicating he firmly believed that over the last 10 years Catherine had made a major contribution to flyball in S.A.

Dot Baverstock in Tasmania supported this view.

Motion put - That Catherine Saberton be granted Honorary Life Membership of the AFA.

Result of Ballot 55 For ; 5 Against and 22 Abstaining . Motion Carried.

Item 8. AFA Annual Awards.

The President announced the following awards:

Novice Club of the Year (Little Springer Trophy) – Mudd on the Paws.

Club of the Year – (Springer Award) - Norwest Thunderdogs

Team of the Year -Norwest Thunderdogs 1 – Buddy CRN 569A; Milo CRN 531B; Pebbles 531C and Harry 544C.

Presidents Appreciation Awards. The President announced that the AFA Committee had approved that, commencing from the 2010 year, the AFA introduce the concept of President Appreciation Awards to acknowledge outstanding service by a member to the AFA during the current year. No more than 3 Awards to be made in any year. Nominations for Awards to come either from members or the Committee.

The President indicated he was pleased to announce the following two Presidents appreciation Awards for 2010 –

- Award to Patrick White for volunteering to take over as the Editor of the Flying Times magazine and arranging the production of the 2010 Flying Times editions.
- Award to Elizabeth Coombes for her involvement as the graphic designer in developing the new AFA Logo and other Visual image material.

President Offered congratulations to all the winners.

Item 9 Committee Elections.

The Returning Officer declared all positions vacant.

The following Members being the sole applicants for the positions shown were declared elected unopposed:

Vice President – Ian Kendt
Secretary - Brian Lindsay
Treasurer - Patricia Byrne

Regional Representatives

NSW Representative - Richard Mellon
ACT Representative - Roycelyn Clyde
Victorian Representative –Joshua Ellen
S.A. Representative – Catherine Saberton
Tasmanian Representative – Maureen Williamson
Queensland Representative – Joanne Parkes

President suggested that Meeting deal with issue of Nomination from floor for President before General Committee nominations. Mover Eric van Zuyden Seconded Anne Coleman that Jenny Millar be nominated for President. Jenny indicted she was willing to stand. Returning officer asked if there were any further nominations. In absence of further Nominations Jenny Millar declared elected as President.

Committee Member (7 positions available):

8 Nominations remained for the available 7 General Committee positions. Nominations were from;

Julie Pamplin
Wayne Stroop
Penny Lloyd
Leoney Pritchard
Kylie White
Trent Shepherd
Ian Gauntlett
Sue Norton

Members were asked to vote for 7 Members only.

Following tally the Returning officer announced the following members as the elected General Committee.

Julie Pamplin; Wayne Stroop; Penny Lloyd; Leoney Pritchard; Kylie White;
Ian Gauntlett and Sue Norton.

Incoming president assumed Chair and congratulated members elected to Committee.

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed as a correct record of discussions

President.