

## **AFA Committee Meeting Minutes – 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009**



Draft Minutes - Subject to approval at March Committee Meeting

AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 BY TELEPHONE HOOKUP.

**Present: Glenn Pritchard, Ian Kendt, Brian Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Jenny Millar, Eric van Zuyden, Richard Mellon, Lyn Clyde, Rosie Milton, Catherine Saberton, and Leoney Pritchard,**

**Apologies Maureen Williamson (telephone connection problems), Ilona Van Galen, Kylie White, Jess McNamara, and Penny Lloyd**

**Meeting Opened at 7.55 pm**

ITEM - "Starred" Items.

**The following Items were 'starred' for adoption without discussion:**

- 1) Minutes of Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009**
- 2) Treasurers Report and Accounts for payment (AFA Bank Balance end Feb \$10,562.76).**
- 3) Membership renewals**
- 4) Approval of 7 new Members (M.Dannaher, S.Lingford, J.Cockburn, M.Zann, E.Spicer, B.Metha, and F.Wicks).**
- 5) Change of Clubs – G and J. Greenwoods to CDC.**

**Moved and Seconded that the above Agenda Items be adopted. CARRIED**

ITEM – Correspondence

**Committee noted following correspondence out that had involved action:**

**Letter to Wendy Gauntlett advising of approval of transfer of clubs for Astro with exemption from 90-day period.**

**Email to Julie Walker advising Committee decision re Handicap Racing format.**

**Notice to all judges and Club Co-coordinators re On Trial Rules.**

**Correspondence In noted: (Issues Dealt with later in Agenda)**

**Email request to add Link to "Doggo" web site – a Dog friendly accommodation site,**

**Letter from World Dog Games organisers, proposing a timeline for actions.**

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Email from Julie Walker asking for review of decision re Handicap Format decision

ITEM - Sanctioned Events

**Following Events Approved:**

**Competition – Bellarine Club – 28/3 – Geelong Obedience Club Breakwater Rd Breakwater, Geelong.**

**Competition – Hastings – 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April – Hastings Grounds High St Hastings**

**Competition - Berwick Club – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 09 – Dandy Drags Paw Power Comp – Dandenong Showgrounds**

**Demo \_Keilor \_ 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Seymore Alternative Farming Expo**

**Demo – Para District – 1<sup>st</sup> March – Angaston Show, Angaston Oval**

**Demo - Emma Le Cras – 14 March – Labrador Club – KCC Park Westernport Hway Skye.**

**Demo – Parra District – 29<sup>th</sup> March – Living loud, Salisbury Oval Brown Terrace Salisbury**

**Demo – Qld Clubs – 5th April 09 - Rathdowney Heritage Festival**

ITEM - Administrative Matters.

**-Stewards and Timekeepers Exams. Rosie reported that there was no Stewards or Timekeepers exams received but she had received a Judges Exam from Ian Gauntlett, which she had yet to mark. Ian had requested approval to start Stewards practical. Noted - Other requests of this nature had been declined and Committee agreed to continue to require Exam pass before starting practical. Rosie indicated this should not present a delay for Ian as she hoped to finalise marking quickly.**

ITEM - Matters arising from 2008 AGM discussions.

a)- Process for updating the Red Rule Book for amendments

**President advised he had just circulated the Draft updated Rule Book for final review. He requested that Committee Members review and provide any feed back within a week so printing could be organized. Agreed that given there were on trial rules that would go to next AGM we should only print 100 copies of Red Book. Suggested that a clean formatted copy of the Draft Rule Book also be circulated (without Tracking of changes), as this would be easier to proof read. Leoney agreed to remove tracking and circulate.**

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### ITEM - General Business

#### a) Report of Rules Sub Committee

**Rosie reported no Meeting since last committee Meeting. Sub Committee had one outstanding issue, namely to consider whether wording of penalties (particularly the "Suspended suspension") could be improved. Rosie to call Meeting of Sub Committee to discuss**

#### b) Dog incident Sub Committee-

**Only matter dealt with was Black Card issued to Maverick (CRN 979A) at Wonthaggi Comp. The Sub Committee had recommended warning letter be issued and Committee had approved via email. Secretary had notified Member of decision.**

c) Submission from Purina re sponsorship of Supercoat Challenge at Sydney Royal Show In 2009 and 2010 and interest in hosting 2011 National Championships as part of Sydney Royal.

**Richard reported on progress. Everything seemed to be going well with good communications between the Sub committee and Purina. Promotion stories had been sent to Purina for use by RAS, Sub Committee had advised Purina of prize and trophy requirement on an estimated basis with confirmation to follow after entries close. Members being kept informed via Web. Camping accommodation for Competition available at Castle Hills Showground and this is up on web. No further action needed till entries close in early March.**

### ITEM - Other Business

#### a)- New Judges Shirts

**Treasurer reported she had paid the requested 50% deposit and hoped to get shirts within next two weeks. Matter of Caps still being explored but indication is that caps will cost around \$15 each with a minimum order of 50. Committee noted that spare AFA caps could be made available to membership on a cost recovery basis.**

b) Request to review the Committee decision not to approve Handicap Racing as a stand alone Format.

**The Committee noted the email just received from Julie Walker requesting a review of the Committee decision not to approve Handicap racing format. Committee noted Julie had provided comments on the various points covered in the last Minutes. Several members**

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indicated they had only just received the email and had not had time to consider points raised. The President suggested that the Committee consider Julie's email and that the matter be listed for discussion at March meeting. Agreed.

c)- AFA Promotional Material

**Banners had been posted to Victoria and Tasmania. Other States would get their banner at Canberra Show.**

d) – 2009 Melbourne Pet Expo.

**Eric reported he was in process of organizing and the only issue was a shortage of dogs for the demos.**

e) – Flying Times

**President suggested that end February be set as the Deadline date for input for the Flying times. Agreed. State Reps to get any reports to Editors before end Feb. Penny Lloyd had advised that she had priced cost of acquiring an AFA copy of Microsoft publisher and she could get copy for \$149. Moved and Seconded that this purchase be approved. CARRIED.**

f) - Signature Lights Update

**Secretary reported that the ACT set of Signature lights ordered in June 08 still had not arrived. He advised that both he and the President had spoken by phone to Mark Kuznitz in the US re the ongoing delay and that numerous emails had been exchanged over last three months. Latest advise from Mark is that the lights arrived in Australia early this year but there were problems with customs paperwork. He claimed he had now resolved these problems and lights should be released to his Agent for delivery. Committee noted that it was over 6 months since lights had been ordered and asked Secretary to send a further email to Mark asking for details of shipping so that AFA could see if it could follow up at this end.**

g) - Wording of Points section of On Trial Forfeit Rule

**Leoney asked for clarification of the wording in Chapter 7 c) ii) re awarding of Title Points where an opposing team has forfeited with just Cause. She pointed out that the current wording could suggest that the "opposing team" could get one point for a win even if it did not have a clean run. It was agreed that this was not the intent and that the basic principal was that teams only earned title points where they had a clean run. Moved and Seconded that the wording in the draft rule be clarified by amendment to read "The**

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opposing team gains one title point if it completes a clean run with 4 dogs and one title point for the win." CARRIED.

h)- Heat policy

Eric asked about whether the AFA needed to formalize a "Heat policy" or whether we should continue or leave it to Competition/Demonstration organisers and the AFA Reps to make decisions regarding issue of when to suspend racing due to heat. Committee agreed that the matter was best covered by the AFA's general Policy on dog safety and wellbeing and as such should be left to Competition organisers in association with AFA Representative.

i)- Report re "On Line" membership Approvals via Web

Leoney advised that this feature was now ready for introduction. It currently only applied with respect to new membership applications. The next step in the web upgrade was to have a similar feature for Membership renewals.

j) Padding on Jumps.

Question asked – does AFA required Jumps to be padded. Answer – no rule required this but where no padding is used it would be best to have the top jump board made from "sintra" material, which flexed when hit. Leoney advised that sets of one-inch sintra jump boards were available to be purchased fro "Watch Dog" web site in US.

k) Possible AFA Generators.

Eric asked question as to whether AFA should consider purchasing a Generator for each state to cover situation where no power was available at an event. After discussion agreed that this was best left to each event organiser to cover by borrowing or hiring a generator rather than the AFA purchasing which brought with it issues of storage, transport, maintenance.

Next Meeting **scheduled for 7.30 pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 09**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm**

**Signed as a true record.**

**President**