

Minutes – Subject to final approval at 7th June 2021 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd May 2021.

Present: Richard Mellon, Brian Lindsay, Josh Ellen, Michael Ashton, Sam Brown, Ben Royes, Sally Elsom, Belinda O’Shea, Jennifer Crane, Pat Byrne (part Meeting), Drew Harrison, Carmel Nottle (part Meeting), David Strong and Frank Lux.

Apologies: Steve Pitt, Konrad Moskal and Jenny Millar.

Meeting Opened at 7.35 pm via Go to Meetings Conference.

ITEM 1. Starred Items.

The following Items were adopted without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of the April Meeting.
- 2) New Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End April Bank Balance
\$ 5766.85 plus invested funds of \$74143.71.

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

Action Sheet reviewed.

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

- Dog crossing incident at Easter comp (Louise Stephen) - see Rules Sub Committee report.
- Email from Catherine – Adelaide Show comp 11/09/21question re non-competitive teams. See New Business.
- Email from Sally with a number of questions. See New Business
- Email from Belinda re Conflict of interest – Judge and AFA Rep, See New Business.
- Email from Drew re Premiership questions. See New Business.

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events Approved

Comp – Prime 100 Woofers Comp – request to amend date from Sat 26 June to Sunday 27th June.

Comp – Belconnen – 12/06 and 13/06 – ACT State Titles – Winter Classic – Tuggeranong Archery Centre Soward way Tuggeranong – (on Mats, Open, Champions Trophy and Training in ring).

Comp - Keilor – 19/06/21 – 2021 4 legs Spectacular – AJ Davis Reserve 298 Fullarton Rd Airport West (Open, Training in ring).

Comp – Belconnen – 3/07/21 – Winter Wonderland – Belconnen Dog Club Morisset Rd Mitchell (Open and Training in ring).

Comp – Berwick – 4/07/21 – Purely for times – Frankston Dog Club McClelland Drive Frankston (Open)

Comp – Frankston – 1/08/21 – Let’s do it again, Frankston Dog Club McClelland Drive Frankston (Open, Training in ring).

Comp – Pine Rivers – 8/08/21 – Hot August Night – Rob Akers Rd Bells Pocket Rd Strathpine.

Comp – Bayside Flyball Racing – 4/09/21 – Flyball at Redfest – Cleveland Showground Long St Cleveland, (Open, Training in ring).

Comp – Norwest – 11/09/21 – Hypro Birthday Bash – Dog Complex Castle Hill Showground – (Open, Lunch time training).

Comp – Royal Adelaide Show – 11/09/21 – Royal Adelaide Show Flyball – Dairy Cattle Lawn Leaders St Wayville. (Open and Training in ring). APPLICATION WITHDRAWN AFTER MEETING _ NEW SUBMISSION TO BE MADE BY CLUB.

Comp – Pine Rivers – 6/11/21 – Annual Night at Races – Rob Akers Reserve Bells Pocket Rd Strathpine .

Comp – Berwick – 13/11/21&14/11/21 – Dandy Classic 150 – Dandanong Show Grounds Bennet St Dandanong – (Open, Training in ring).

Comp – Tassie F.P. - 27/11/21 – Out of the Wilderness – Pontville Park Pontville – (Open, two day comp starting Noon 27th Nov).

Demo – Tassie – Pairs mock comp – 25/04/21 – Pontville Tassie – (Email approval required).

Demo – Tassie – Looney Tunes Pairs Mock comp – 30/05/21 Pontville Park Tassie (Lights requested).

Demo – Tassie –Solstice Sunshine Pairs Mock comp –27/06/21 Pontville Park Tassie (Lights requested).

Demo – Tassie –Tranquility Base Pairs Mock comp –25/07/21Pontville Park Tassie (Lights requested).

ITEM 5 – Admin Matter

i) New Members –

Chantelle Jones
Annette Slater
Susie Dakis
Nicole Andrews
Vanessa Mayer
Jocelyn Newman
Marguerite Cooper

ii) Exam Passes – Stewards Exams

Michelle O’Hare 3064
Maureen Hindley 2914
TaKiyah Lowe 3207 (Junior)
Tairnee Lowe 3207.A1

iii) Printing of Certificates.

Pat advised that rather than have multiple templates it was now planned to use a single template and simply change the title names. She would circulate a revised Title Form design to Committee for approval.

iv) Dog Honour Board update.

Pat advised that all wording needed for the Board had now been finalized and that she was in contact with Alex re loading Board onto web. Should be finalized shortly.

v) Review of Trophies.

Still to be completed – Pat to visit Trophy shop in next few days to discuss options.

vi) Dual Venue Comp –Venue’s update.

Victoria still attempting to find a suitable Venue and date for trial.

vii) Life Member Nomination Form design.

Form finalized and was circulated to Committee during meeting – approval to be via email.

viii) On- Line Witness Reports.

A mock-up of the Form Design has been completed. Should be available on web next month.

ix) Dual listing of dogs in Regular teams.

System redesigned to automatically prevent any dog being entered in more than one Regular format team in competition entries – Change now needs to be tested to ensure working – Pat to arrange test.

x) Finalisation of Ulna Measuring Process.

Brian reported that Phil had made 10 additional Ulna measures and this would now allow two measures to be kept with every AFA set of Lights so if one measure was damaged during measuring a spare was available. Most measures would be delivered to States at Nationals.

xi) 2021 AGM – date and format.

Committee agreed to schedule the 2021 AGM for Sat 16th October and to use Go to Meetings to conduct the meeting – Clubs to be asked to nominate venues in August. Date to be listed on AFA Web.

xii) Invite to host 2022 Nationals.

Committee agreed to issue invite for Clubs to host the 2022 Nationals with a close date of end July.

xiii) Expressions of interest Supervisory Judge.

Committee noted that the term of the Supervisory Judge appointment ended in November 2021. After discussion it was agreed that the current expression of interest in Judge Mentor positions should be finalized before calling for Supervisory Judge appointment in July.

Item 6 General Business

i) Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.

Nil to report – Sub Committee requested to finalise Chair appointment at next Meeting.

ii) Report of Rules Sub Committee.

Rules Sub Committee meet on 26th April and dealt with a several issues as shown below

- The emails from Louise dealing with an incident at the NSW Easter competition involving contact between dogs and suggestions that current carding Rules needed amendment. After discussion the Sub Committee recommended two amendments to Yellow and Red card

Rules – Item vi in Yellow card rule to be amended to (vi) Interference where no contact is made with another dog. Item (v) in Red Card Rules to be amended to read (v) Interference where contact is made with another dog. The Committee Agreed to adopt the recommended amendments as On Trial Rule changes with date of effect 1st June 2021. Secretary to advise Louise and issue as Rule amendment

- Review of rewrites of Part 7 of Rules – minor editorial changes approved as part of Rules rewrite to go to members at AGM.

- Minor changes to references to Web Team and in AFA Guidelines and Protocols – again to be incorporated in Rules rewrite or adopted as procedural changes if not part of Rules.

- Question whether part of the role of Timekeepers is to watch races and offer comments to Judges – suggestion made that Timekeepers should only intervene with comments if asked for opinion by Judge.

- Review of Appendix A Section 2 re handicap format – the Sub Committee recommended that para 2 a had become unnecessary with the addition of Section 2 (b) and recommended deletion of 2 (a) as part of the Rules rewrite – Committee agreed to recommendation.

iii) Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

The Committee noted the release of the new landing page. A small number of suggested changes to be made including the removal of US Flag. Ben indicated feedback was welcome as noted that articles on flyball were needed from Clubs or members – request to go out to members to submit input.

ITEM 7 New Business.

Following items submitted as Correspondence In:

- i) Dog crossing incident at Easter comp (Louise Stephen) and need to amend Rules. See Rules Sub Committee report.
- ii) Email from Catherine – Adelaide Show comp 11/09/21 - question re number of teams required to qualify as comp. Catherine requested clarification re the minimum number of teams needed to qualify as a competition – Rules require minimum of 4 teams. She advised that South Australia had a maximum

of 4 teams at present but asked for clarification of what would be situation if one of these teams became non- competitive or had to withdraw before or during the competition. The Committee agreed that if one of the 4 teams had to withdraw before the competition commenced then the event could not be a competition and would be reclassified as a Demonstration. If a situation arose where one of the Teams became non- competitive or withdrew on the day of competition, after running in at least one heat, then that team had competed and the competition could continue with title points awarded. This Rule interpretation to be advised to Catherine and all members.

iii) Email from Sally with questions regarding Regional Rep role in determining competition draw – especially regarding two team division approval. She also requested advice re process to be followed in checking AFA lights at handover. Third question was to seek clarification re countback rules.

With respect to issue of two team Divisions the Committee noted that under the Rules two team divisions were allowed with approval of Regional Rep. Issue of whether to adopt a larger handicapped division or go with two teams was always subjective. Suggestion made that if unsure as to preferred option the Rep should consult other Reps or Supervisory Judge. With respect to QR code checking the Committee noted that a Procedural Instruction needed to be developed and issued to clarify process to be followed. Frank to produce document and circulate. Regarding clarification of countback rule matter to be taken up with Rules Sub Committee.

iv) Email from Belinda re Conflict of interest – Judge and AFA Rep. Item deferred till June Meeting.

v) Email from Drew re Premiership questions. Some clarification provided by Steve – other issues to be deferred till June Meeting

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 7th June 2021**. There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.55 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.