

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION  
INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 24th August 2019** (Subject to approval at 2020 AGM)

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm with Go to Meetings connections to the following venues:

**ACT**

- BDOC Clubhouse Cnr Flemington Rd and Sandford Rd Mitchell  
Co-ordinator Konrad Moskal – 0449255440. 10 members present

**NSW**

- Blacktown Workers Club 55 Campbell St Blacktown  
Co-ordinator Louise Stephen 0409036398. 22 Members present
- Albion Park Bowling Club Albion Park.  
Co-ordinator Frank Lux 0419146321. 7 Members present

**Queensland –**

- Chemsides Library  
375 Hamilton Rd Chemsides Qld  
Co-ordinator Robert MacDonald 0497256234. 27 Members present
- 19 Calmwater Cres Helenvale Qld  
Co-ordinator Joanne Parkes 0425265165. 4 Members present

**South Australia**

- Dover Gardens Dog Club Mitchell Reserve Quick Rd Dover Gardens  
Co-ordinator Martin Watt 0428101564. 5 members present

**Tasmania**

- 92 George St Dulcote  
Co-ordinator David Strong 0407873485. 2 members present

**Victoria**

- Keilor Club – Fullarton Rd Niddrie  
Co-Ordinator Sam Brown 0435599415. 8 Members present
- Frankston Club , Centenary Park, McClelland Drive Frankston  
Co-ordinator Lauren Dolley 0421044891. 11 members present.

Attendance of Members – 95 members present as per the 9 venue attendance sheets.

Apologies –from Catherine Stroop, Steve and Shireen Pitt, Ian Gauntlett, Belinda O’Shea, Shaun O’Shea, Monique Smith, Jenni Veitel, Anne Coleman, Josh Ellen, Stacey Fuller, Cheryl Golder, Olivia Michelle, Allison Moon, Ellie Price, Catherine Ruskin, Michelle Taylor, Jayden Taylor, Caitlin Taylor , Madeline Vickers

**Item 1. Minutes of 2016/17 AGM**

Moved and Seconded that the 2017/18 AGM Minutes be accepted. CARRIED

**Item 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil matters arising.

**Item 3. Presidents Report.**

Richard Mellon read his 2018/19 Presidents Report, which is available for members to read on the AFA Web. Richard provided an overview of achievements in the year and activity statistics for the year. He thanked the outgoing Committee for its work throughout the year.

**Item 4 Financial Statements and Auditors Report.**

The Treasurer moved that the 2018/19 AFA Financial Statements and the accompanying Auditors Report be accepted, Seconded, and invited any comments or questions. No questions or comments.

Moved Brian Lindsay that the Financial Reports be adopted. CARRIED.

**Item 5. Announcement of results of postal Rules ballots**

The President asked the Secretary to read the results of the postal ballot for the 2 Rule change motions. The Secretary advised the meeting that all Motions submitted to members had received the required majority needed for adoption as follows:

1. Amendments to Rule Section 7 (f) VI – On Trial January 2019 – Amendment deals with clarification of the penalty for dog fouling in the ring. Clarification indicates that if foul occurs during a heat the dogs team forfeits that heat. If the fouling occurs before a heat starts, including in the warm- up period the dogs team forfeits the next heat.

YES 18 votes NO 1 vote CARRIED

2. Amendment to Section 9.2 (f) – Also deals with the clarification of fouling. On Trial since Jan 2019 – Amendment refers to Rule 7 (f) and also indicates if the dog fouls after the last heat of a race has been declared there is no penalty applied.  
YES 19 votes NO. 0 votes. CARRIED

## **Item 6. Member Motions.**

The President indicated that at the close date specified in the Constitution there had been one member resolutions submitted for ballot. In order to be passed this Motion needs to obtain a 75% majority of members present and Voting. The Motions is shown below together with voting results:

MOTION (submitted by member Jenni Redmond)

In the event of a last minute cancellation of a competition (within 24 hours of the event start time) that a uniformed method of notification be adopted, namely that A TEXT message be sent to nominated team captains.

Reason given in support of Motion:

Recently a few comps have been rained out and last minute decisions are being made whilst competitors are sometimes still driving to the event, some interstate or long distances for example.

While most of us have Facebook, emails mobile phones etc. and hence we don't always know where the notification is coming from, it is impossible to be constantly checking Facebook pages to see if any updates are posted, and as we know it's illegal to be checking our phones whilst driving, if an audible sound for example on a raining morning at 6am whilst driving is heard, chances are it's a text message from comp organisers and a suitable place to pull over to check incoming messages can be done safely.

Motion discussed briefly with some concern expressed re number of text that might need to be sent.

Motion Moved and Seconded – For 75 against 16 CARRIED.

The Committee had also submitted two Motions dealing with changes to the AFA Constitution.

Motion 1 dealt with proposed changes to the Objectives of the AFA as stated in the Constitution. The proposed changes expanded the Objectives by defining “Flyball Events” to include not only competitions and demonstrations but

also promotional activities, seminars, fundraising activities and other activities that achieve the objectives of the club. The reason for this broadening was to ensure that all of our activities were included from an insurance cover viewpoint. Under the Constitution this amendment required a 90 % yes vote from members present and voting.

For 95 votes, Against 0 votes – Motion CARRIED.

Motion 2 dealt with a number of minor editorial changes to update the Constitution for changes in Legislation references, clarify references to Executive and General Committee and voting requirements. The amendments were all listed in the Motion. These changes required a 75% majority.

For 95 votes. Against. 0 Votes – Motion CARRIED

### **Item 7. AFA Annual Awards.**

The President announced that there had been one Presidents appreciation Award nomination received this year. The person involved was actually nominated by two separate groups of members from two different Clubs, one in NSW and one in ACT. The Nomination was for Mr Gavin Bland for his outstanding contribution to flyball during 2018/19 as a Senior Timekeeper. Not only had Gavin attended numerous competitions as a Timekeeper he also assisted in the training of a number of trainee timekeepers. The President announced that the Committee had unanimously endorsed Gavin's nomination and he was pleased to announce the 2019 Award to Gavin.

The President then announced the following annual awards:

Novice Club of the Year (Little Springer Trophy) – Bass Coast Flyball Team

Club of the Year – (Springer Trophy) - Awesome Pawsome Flyball Racing Club

Team of the Year - Redlands Burn and Bolt – Rocco CRN 2762A, Cody CRN 374C, Skyla CRN 2401C and Jasper CRN 2709A.

### **Item 8 Life Membership Nomination.**

At this stage of the Meeting the President handed over control of the Meeting to the Vice President to Chair and temporarily left the Meeting . The VP announced that one nomination had been received by the Committee for the award of Life Membership. That nomination was for the AFA President Mr. Richard Mellon. The Nomination indicated that Richard had served as President for a five- year period and was also a Senior Timekeeper who regularly served as timekeeper at

competitions in NSW and Act. In order to award Life Membership a 75% majority of members present and voting at the AGM was required.

For 85 votes. Against. 1 Votes. Abstaining 9 - CARRIED

### **Item 9 Committee Elections.**

The Returning Officer declared all positions vacant.

The Meeting noted that all but one nominated positions on Committee had received a single nomination and accordingly no ballot was required for these positions.. There was however, as at close of nominations, one position of General Committee member vacant. This position was available to be filled at the AGM if nomination was received.

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

President - Richard Mellon  
Vice President – Jenny Millar  
Secretary - Brian Lindsay  
Treasurer - Patricia Byrne

The following Regional Representatives being the sole applicants for the position were declared elected:

Tasmania	David Strong
S.A.	Martin Watt
Victoria	Josh Ellen
ACT	Michael Ashton
Queensland	Sally Elsom
NSW	Frank Lux

The Returning Officer advised the Meeting that the following 6 candidates were also elected to the General Committee unopposed: Jennifer Crane, Steve Pitt, Shireen Pitt , Samantha Brown, Peter Samuels and Konrad Moskal.

Nominations were called to fill the one remaining vacant General Committee position. Three Nominations were received – Kylie White, Kylie Gatt, and Phil Lea. All accepted nomination and provided a brief statement . Members Vote:

Kylie White 38 votes, Kylie Gatt 7 Votes and Phil Lea 49 votes. President declared Phil Lea elected.

President welcomed the new Committee and again thanked the outgoing Committee for its efforts in 2018/19 and in particular thanked those members who did not re stand for the 2019/20 Committee.

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed as a correct record of discussions

President.