

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

SATURDAY 4th December 2021 (Subject to approval at 2022 AGM)

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm with 15 Go to Meetings connections to the following venues:

ACT

- BDOC Clubhouse
Co-ordinator Michael Ashton

NSW

- Central Hub –Londonderry
Co-ordinator Brian Lindsay

Deer Bush Club House
Fairfield Showground
Co-ordinator Shell Gurney

Dapto
Co-ordinator Frank Lux

Branxton
Co-ordinator Louise Stephen.

Mount Annan
Co-ordinator Robyn Addie

Grabben Gullen
Co-ordinator Cate Stanton.

QLD

- RSPCA 139 Wacol Station Rd Wacol .
Co-ordinator Ben Royes
- 200 Drover Cres Jimboomba Qld.
Co-ordinator Peter Samuels
- 34 Dunbeath Drive Burpengary.
Co-ordinator Michele Gauci

- 34 Lennors Rd Greenbank
Co-Ordinator Jenni Crane

South Australia

- Para District Obedience Dog Club
Co – Ordinator Carmel Nottle

Tasmania

- 92 George St Dulcot
Co-ordinator David Strong

Victoria

- Frankston Club , 12 McClelland Drive Langwarrin
Co-ordinator Lauren

- Josh Ellens
Co-ordinator Josh Ellen

Attendance of Members –58 members present and entitled to vote as per the venue attendance sheets.

Apologies –from Catherine Stroop, Sam Brown, Drew Harrison, Penny Lloyd, Christine Bates, Geoffrey Tracey, Fiona Bulman, Fostar Canty, Kerry Fitzsimmons and Mark Chesire.

Item 1. Minutes of 2019/20 AGM

Moved and Seconded that the 2019/20 AGM Minutes be accepted. CARRIED

Item 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil matters arising.

Item 3. Presidents Report.

Richard Mellon read the highlights from his 2020/2021 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 2020/21 AFA Financial Statements and the accompanying Auditors Report be accepted, Seconded, and invited any comments or questions. No questions or comments.

Moved Pat Byrne that the Financial Reports be adopted. CARRIED.

Item 5. Announcement of results of postal Rules ballot

The President read the results of the postal ballot for the rewrite of the Rules He advised the meeting that as at the close of voting date the Rule change motion had received a total of 44 yes Votes, 0 No votes and 0 informal votes – accordingly the rewritten Rules had been adopted with effect from 1st January 2022.

Item 6. Motions.

The President indicated that at the close date specified in the Constitution there had been one Committee Motion and two member motions submitted for ballot. To be passed these Motions need to obtain a minimum 75% majority of members present and Voting. The Motions are shown below together with voting results:

MOTION (submitted by Committee and introduced by Brian Lindsay and Seconded by Pat Byrne .)

Motion: that the AFA establish a Policy dealing with philanthropic donations to relevant Charities, via either waiver of light levy for a supported competition or direct donation to an appeal and with a maximum of \$250 per supported event and within an annual budget allocation of 5% of AFA annual income up to a maximum of \$2000.

Voting 35 Yes; 15 No and 4 Abstained. Motion Lost.

MOTION (Submitted by Paul Newman and introduced by Paul and Seconded by Ben Royes);

That the general committee withdraw, and remove from the AFA website, all guidelines, rule clarifications and rule notifications which are included in, or are superseded by, the current rules or which are otherwise no longer relevant.

Voting 54 Yes; 0 No and 1 Abstained. Motion Carried.

MOTION (Submitted by Paul Newman and introduced by Paul and Seconded by Ben Royes. The Motion was spoken against by Brian Lindsay).

That where a race meeting is abandoned under the Race Meeting Cancellation Policy dogs may earn title points for any heats completed before abandonment regardless of whether every division has completed at least one round.

Voting 36 Yes; 22 No and 0 Abstained. Motion Lost.

Item 7. AFA Annual Awards.

The President announced that there had been Two Presidents appreciation Award approved by the Committee this year.

The first Award is made to Phil Lea, the outgoing Supervisory Judge. Phil has served two terms (spanning 4 years) as AFA Supervisory Judge and in 2021 oversaw the appointment of the Association's first six Judge Mentors. These senior Judges will now assist the incoming Supervisory Judge to mentor, guide and develop new and existing Judges. In 2021 Phil also marked all written steward and Timekeeper exams as well as the written exam component of all prospective Judge applicants. As President, I extend the Association's grateful thanks to Phil for his efforts and commitment throughout the 2021 year.

The Second Award is made to Paul Newman, who in 2020/21 undertook the mammoth task of heading the review and rewrite of the Association's Rules and Policies in order to remove duplication, simplify presentation and ensure consistency of the existing AFA Rules. In undertaking this task, Paul, working with the Rules Sub Committee, reviewed not only the Rules and Policies documentation but also various Rule Interpretation and clarification documents issued over the years to ensure clarifications were included in the new Rules document. The fruits of Paul's labours are contained in the new Rules Document submitted to members for ballot as part of this year's AGM. Again, as President, I extend the Association's grateful thanks to Paul for his efforts and commitment throughout the 2021.

Awards for Novice Club of the Year (Little Springer Trophy)

Club of the Year – (Springer Trophy)

Team of the Year - had all been suspended due to limited competition as a result of Coronavirus.

Item 8 Life Membership Nomination.

The President announced that one nomination had been received by the Committee for the award of Life Membership in recognition of service to the AFA. That nomination was for Josh Ellen. He indicated that to be successful the Constitution required a minimum majority of two thirds – 66.66% of members present and voting.

Voting – Yes 51, No 2, Abstaining 3. Motion passed. The President congratulated Josh Ellen on his Life membership Award.

Item 9 Committee Elections.

The Meeting noted that all but one nominated position 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 S.A. Representative vacant. This position was available to be filled by a S.A. member at the AGM if nomination was received. Carmel Nottle was willing to accept the nomination. There being no further nominations Carmel was declared elected.

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.	Carmel Nottle
Victoria	Josh Ellen
ACT	Michael Ashton
Queensland	Kathryn Royes
NSW	Frank Lux

The following 7 General Committee Members were declared elected : Jennifer Crane, Paul Newman, Samantha Brown, Ben Royes, Belinda O’Shea, Drew Harrison, and Tracey Rose.

President welcomed the new Committee and again thanked the outgoing Committee for its efforts in 2020/21 and in particular, thanked those members who did not restand for the 2021/22 Committee.

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed as a correct record of discussions

President.