Member Motions for 2021 AGM.

As at Close of submission date – Friday 19th November – the AFA had received two Motions from members for submission to the 2021 AGM. Both were submitted by Member Paul Newman and are shown below:

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remove from the AFA website, all guidelines, rule clarifications and rule notifications which are included in, or are superseded by, the current rules or which are otherwise no longer relevant.

Rationale: One of the principal purposes of the rewrite of the rules was to have a single source of truth to which members can refer. As part of the rewrite process some guidelines were included as appendices and all rule notifications and clarifications were reviewed. To the extent that those relating to rules had not already become rules they have been included as notes or examples in the rewritten rules. There are other notifications which are no longer relevant, for example, notification of appointments of supervisory judges.

2. 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.

Rationale: Current practice is to not award title points where a race meeting is abandoned unless every division has completed a round. This is not explicitly stipulated in the rules. Abandonment of a race meeting does not invalidate what has happened before the abandonment. For example, cards issued before abandonment are recorded and appropriate action taken. If dogs are subject to penalties for behaviour they are entitled to benefits for performance. Although race meeting results are not declared unless every division has completed at least one round, title points reflect dogs' performance, not race meeting results.