

**MINUTES OF THE CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE HELD ON  
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**PRESENT:** Arend van den Bos, Brian Harris, Sue Howe, Merenia Donne, Irma Harris, Kat Thorstand, Deborah Gilliam

**APOLOGIES:** Chris Tews

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** These having been circulated were taken as read and passed as true and correct. Kat/Merenia

**MATTERS ARISING:**

- Update of assessment sheet has been prepared by Chris. Meeting in favour of the new format. Arend to send to DogsNZ for posting on website.
  
- Urban programme – The meeting felt candidates should have passed Bronze before sitting the urban programme. Next step is brochure to be sent to assessors for comment.

**EC MEETING:**

Clubs have been emailed about the conduct of assessments. Some clubs have responded. Arend to put comments together for the next meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Mention was made that there is a belief that some clubs are not using approved assessors for CGCB. A solution maybe to amalgamate the two databases on website.
  
- Application by Howard Jones to become a CGC assessor and a private trainer. Kat to check with Taupo Club and this to be discussed at next meeting.
  
- Application by Elizabeth Parnell to become a private trainer. Kat to follow this up with Taupo Club.
  
- Length of time assessors may stay on the panel when not active any longer. Meeting felt there was nothing in the syllabus to govern this.
  
- Online questionnaire – Kat has approached DogsNZ about helping to complete this. A reply is expected before the end of October.
  
- Manual – Kat queried whether assessors get sent hard copies of the manual when changes are made. Arend pointed out the café exercise was sent as an addendum. There was concern raised about some of the questions in the manual. Committee to check manual before next meeting for accuracy. A suggestion was made that updated versions could be sent via PDF and then it is up to the assessor whether they print a hard copy. New assessors do get a hard copy of the manual.

Next meeting 29 October at 7.30 pm