



Minutes of the Executive Council meeting

Held at

**Dogs NZ Office
11 Prosser Street, Elsdon, PORIRUA
on**

23 & 24 November 2019

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President
 Jill Brooker (JB)
 Keith Brown (KB)
 Donna Hailes (DH)
 Clinton Hoeben (CH)

Arend van den Bos (AB)
 Stephen Meredith (SM)
 Lisa Slade (LS)
 Steve Tate (STT)
 Fiona Hodgson (FH)

Agility Committee Representative (AC)

Sallie Remon (SR)
 Emma Gregg (EG)
 Chris Richardson (CR)

Reece Smith (RS)
 Claire Smith (CS)

Obedience Committee Representatives (OC)

Richard van den Bos (RB)
 Sue Howe (SH)

Ruth Thorburn (RT)
 Geoff Collins (GC)

Karen Sadler (KS) via phone

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary
 Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator

APOLOGY

Reece Smith (RS)

Moved Chair; – Adopted

WELCOME

BH welcomed E.C to the meeting at 9am. At 9.30am, representatives from the Agility and Obedience Committees joined the meeting. The E.C welcomed and thanked them for their presence. The Agility and Obedience representatives departed the meeting at the conclusion of the Blackhawk – Sponsor / Brand Manager Review presentation.

LATE ITEM FOR AGENDA

ST circulated the below late papers via email on 20 November 2019 and hard copies were also made available:

- Draft Position Paper with CH&W feedback; and
- Registration of Pedigree Dogs on Registry 2.

ST circulated the following papers via email on 22 November 2019 prior to the meeting and hard copies were also made available:

- National Event Strategy Report & Discussion paper;
- Purina Naming Rights Sponsorship Draft Contract;

Late papers which were circulated at the meeting on Friday 23 November 2019:

- Agility Strategy Paper;
- Rally-O Judges Confirmation;
- Dogs NZ Policy Statement Paper;
- Registration of Pedigree Dogs n Registry II; and
- NZ Malinois letter

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The E.C adopted the agenda.

Moved LS; Seconded STT – Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

DH did not participate in the Nicholson v Couling Registry decision agenda item.

FH did not participate in the Dogs on Report - Federal Star of Justice AD JDX RN 02922-2015 Pyrenean Sheepdog – Long Haired owned by T Page item.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTRY

The E.C noted the conflicts of interest register and noted LS is to update hers.

EMAIL VOTES

1. That E.C ratifies Georgia Nash as the third judge for 2019 JDH finals and agrees to the use of Black Hawke branding on ribbons for all remaining heats in 2019.

All agree – Passed

2. That E.C ratifies the appointment of Anita Henderson to the Junior Showmanship Judges panel as approved by NZDJA; and that E.C ratifies the appointment of Erica Henderson to Junior Showmanship Judges panel once she passes the appropriate examinations as approved by NZDJA.

All agree – Passed

3. The E.C approves the appointment of Jill Brooker as the JDH Co-ordinator.

All agree – Passed

Moved JB, Seconded; SM – Approved

OBITUARIES

Joan Bennett (Foxton), Vincent Chew (Christchurch), Bev Imlach (Wellington), S L McDonogh (Waiuku), S Neale (Christchurch), Denise Baron (Christchurch).

CONFIRMATION OF 14 – 15 September 2019 MINUTES

Minutes taken as read.

The E.C noted one minor amendment – under section 8, Qualifications for Benefit Shows, change “Monowai” to “Manderville”.

Moved: LS; Seconded: JB – Passed

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

ACTION ITEMS

The E.C noted the status of all current action items.

The E.C requested a message about “Registration of stored semen”, to go in both the Dog World and Dog iE news.

All agree – Passed

E.C FORMAL PHOTO & JOINT MEETING PHOTO

The E.C thanks GC for taking photos of the Committee/s.

2. IMPORTANT ITEMS

NATIONAL EVENTS (AGILITY & OBEDIENCE COMMITTEES TO JOIN THE MEETING)

• NATIONAL EVENT STRATEGY REPORT & DISCUSSION

BH welcomed the Agility and Obedience representatives to the meeting.

BH updated all those present on the FCI Agreement. BH noted all Dogs NZ Judges will be placed on the FCI website. BH advised our membership would be reviewed in 5yrs time.

The E.C, Agility and Obedience Committee representatives discussed the National Event Strategy meeting report 2019 papers that contained:

- ST Joint Committee meeting letter dated 18 November 2019;
- National Dog Show Survey Responses; and
- Discover Dogs proposal paper June 2017.

ST spoke to his paper noting the Key Goal is: Agreement between the 3 Dogs NZ Sports on the structure and scheduling of our current three national dog shows (NDS, NZDAC, NDOA).

ST spoke to the Key Survey Outcomes.

- Do we want 3 separate national shows – one per sports discipline?
- Or do we still want a NDS featuring all 3 sports?
- If we have 3 x National shows and want to avoid having all three shows in October who is willing to move into the March – April window?
- If NDS is a Conformation only show should it stay in the current October window?
- Would members support an on-two day indoor “Discover Dogs National Showcase” of all three sports in June/July period?

Other issues for E.C to consider:

- When & where do we schedule the 2x FCI classic shows in 2020?

The Joint Committee discussed Obedience at the NDS 2020 noting that NDS 2020 Committee did not see they had the facilities or space at Ardmore to host both Obedience and Breed competitions on the same day. NDS 2020 Committee could accommodate Obedience the weekend prior if they wished and it would be part of the Nationals with prizes and ribbons made available.

The Joint Committee noted NZDAC takes place during the same month as the NDS so they are not getting the numbers at NDS due to this.

The Joint Committee noted Obedience has been part of the NDS since 1959 and Agility since 1989/1990. The Committee then asked the question, “What is the National Dog Show”?

ST spoke to the committee noting there are 3 options going forward.

1. NDOA, NZDAC and NDS (which combines all 3 sports as like 2019 NDS)
2. 3 separate National disciplines' and Discover Dogs; or
3. 3 separate National disciplines' and no Discover Dogs.

The Joint Committee were in favour of a Discover Dogs event and it was agreed that Discover Dogs could be scheduled for 17-18 July 2021 at a venue in one of the main centres.

The Joint Committee discussed running 2 FCI Shows in 2020 noting that no other shows can take place within 500km (although this does not effect Agility or Obedience shows).

National shows to be scheduled for 2021 are: Agility (NZDAC), Obedience (NDOA), National, Confirmation (NDS), Discover Dogs and 2 x FCI Shows (one each in North Island & South Island).

However, the issue of all three nationals wanting to take place in October remains. The Joint Committee noted nothing changes for 2020: Obedience at Easter, Agility at Labour weekend and NDS beginning of October.

The Joint Committee agreed to survey each discipline more thoroughly to dig deeper and give clear options enabling more information about when is best for the individual National shows to take place.

The Joint Committee noted that the timing of Confirmation can be flexible but Agility and Obedience members require further surveys. The Joint Committee agreed FH would lead and create a survey based on comments from this survey and provide Obedience with a copy.

It was noted that the Agility Committee meet in 3 weeks' time and a combined Agility/Obedience report with results from this further survey would be presented to the E.C meeting in February 2020 for a decision on how to schedule National events in 2021.

Moved: FH, Seconded: BH - passed

FCI CONTRACT

- **2020 SHOW SCHEDULE DISCUSSION (2 X BREED, POTENTIAL AGILITY & OBEDIENCE SHOWS)**

BH updated the joint committee on the FCI Meeting 4-5 September 2019 in Milan, Italy.

- **FCI SHOW REGULATIONS**

The E.C discussed the 11. FCI/CACIB Show regulations.

STT questioned the fee FCI charged and BH advised it was approximately 1.20 euro for every dog. *BH is going to confirm this.*

The E.C agreed to remove the red font in 10.3.3

Moved BH, Seconded; LS – Approved

LS questioned what this means for CH & W - 11.4.2 – the exhibitors are responsible for the welfare of the dogs at an FCI international show. The E.C noted a bench mark be set when advertising in NZ Dog World

The E.C noted JB will update 11.5 Classes and circulate as need entirely new numbers allocated as well as indicating, Dogs under 15mths of age are not eligible for casivs.

The E.C agreed to remove section 11.7.2 and add 11.8 in all other respects, show regulations 1-30 will apply.

The E.C would like to publish the FCI show regulations in the Jan / Feb NZ Dog World and agreed BH to write a covering introduction. The E.C noted it would be beneficial to members

if a link to the All Breeds Standards on the FCI website was available from the Dogs NZ homepage.

- **JOHN PERFECT LETTER**

The E.C discussed and noted John Perfect's (JP) letter to the Editor of NZ Dog World.

The E.C agreed BH would write a short letter back to JP acknowledging his letter whilst also clarifying NZKC Kennel Names and noting FCI is a way of moving forward to help grow dog sports. The E.C agreed an FAQ page be set up on Dogs NZ website.

Moved BH, Seconded; KB – Approved

NDS 2019 REVIEW

- **NATIONAL OFFICE REVIEW REPORT**

ST spoke to the National Office Review Report.

The E.C noted the report and asked that judge's contracts for 2020 & 2021 NDS be distributed.

Information only – Received

- **BLenheim ORGANISING COMMITTEE REPORT**

KB spoke to the Blenheim Organising Committee Report.

The E.C noted the report and acknowledged thank you letters for both the volunteers (addressed to Joy Turner) and the Marlborough District Council (addressed to the Mayor c/o Samantha Young, Events Co-ordinator) are required.

The E.C agreed that the 2019 NDS in Blenheim was a success and all E.C are interested in going back to Blenheim in 2022.

Information only – Received

- **OBEDIENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The E.C received the Obedience Organising Committee Report provided by Geoff Collins (GC).

The E.C discussed and noted the report.

Information only – Received

NDS 2020 REPORT

The E.C received the NDS 2020 Report provided by Paul Robinson (PR).

The E.C discussed the report and noted the following points:

- Format consistency
- E.C to allocate the judges
- Auckland Committee – list of names requested

The E.C noted Clive Phillips (CP) is sending Auckland a template which includes actuals from 2018 & 2019 NDS. The budget is to include Obedience even if their show is the weekend prior.

Information only – Received

ACOD 2019 MINUTES REVIEW

ST spoke to the ACOD 2019 Minutes.

The E.C noted the minutes and requested the document be sent (track changes) to E.C as there are a number of errors.

The E.C also noted the travel equalisation fee will be on the February 2020 agenda.

Information only – Received

NZ DOG WORLD ANNUAL REPORT & AGM OF NZKC Gazette Ltd

BH closed the E.C meeting and opened the NZKC Gazette Ltd meeting.

ST spoke to the NZ Dog World/Dog iE News Annual 208-2019 report provided by Derek Johnson's (DJ).

The E.C discussed the report and recommended we re-visit member's rates for adverts as well as a special Christmas rate. The E.C noted ST will provide a breakdown of cost per page to see if we can afford to have a member's rate.

BH confirmed the E.C as the Director of the NZKC Gazette Ltd and all E.C elected.

Moved BH; Seconded CH – received

Report received; Moved SM; Seconded LS – received

BH closed the NZKC Gazette Ltd meeting and reopened the E.C meeting.

3. OFFICE REPORTS

DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT

- **HEAD OFFICE SCOPE OF WORK**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Key Relationship & Reputation Activities

NZ Companion Animal Council

ST elected Vice Chairman at the October Board meeting.

2. Key Revenue Activities

Key Programmes for February Executive Council

Objective to provide at the February Executive Council for discussion the following key programmes:

- Draft Budget for 2020/21 Financial Year
- Draft Business Plan for 2020/21 Financial Year
- Draft Venue Capital Investment programme (Report from the Capex Committee)

Aiming for final sign-off of the 2020/21 Business Plan and Budget by March 2020 so that we start the new financial year with approved plans and budget.

The draft Venue Capital Investment programme will be an important document for discussion as we can no longer delay a decision on roof replacement for the Wellington venue. Extensive water damage from roof leaks is now a threat to the building electrical system and starting to cause structural damage to the building framework. Full report and replacement quotes will be presented at the February meeting.

National Office Scope of Work

ST presented Scope of Work document that outlined substantial of body of project work that needs to be undertaken by the National Office in the next nine months.

Report received; Moved KB; Seconded CH – received

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial updates for 30 September 2019 were provided by Clive Phillips (CP).

Financial Results

September Actuals were behind Budget however there are a couple of expense timing differences which are budgeted to occur in Oct.

Year to date Actuals just ahead of Budget however Obedience Northern Region 6 month figures are not included. Balance Sheet remains STRONG with total cash to end of September \$1,538k, up \$198k since end of last financial year (March 2019).

September Month:- Income less Expenditure				
Actual	Budget	Last Year		
(\$9,924)	(\$5,715)	\$12,135		
Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation			Full Year 2019-20	
This Year	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Forecast
\$89,799	\$88,590	\$108,535	\$147	\$1,356

Actual YTD results marginally ahead of Budget expectations.

Registry Activity

While both the numeric stats and financial amounts are giving mixed monthly results a trend is evident with the percentage differences running close to those shown in the table. Nearly all the figures are DOWN on last year's figures. As previously mentioned this trend should have been expected given last year experienced a spike in activity ahead of MPI legislation changes that became effective in October 2018.

Analysis YTD September 2019						
	Number			Income		
	2019	2018		2019	2018	
Litter Notification	842	903	-7%	30,775	35,071	-12%
Registrations	4,142	4,015	3%	102,073	111,016	-8%
Transfers	2,746	2,673	3%	53,310	54,503	-2%
Imports	155	168	-8%	14,448	15,856	-9%
Exports	149	222	-33%	12,735	22,487	-43%

Summary Analysis

- Dogs NZ (NZKC):- (\$8.1K) behind budget YTD
- AEC:-(\$6.0k) behind budget YTD
- Dunedin:-(\$1.5k) ahead of budget YTD
- Wellington Property:- \$1.8k ahead of budget YTD
- Gazette:- \$0.7k ahead of budget YTD
- Agility:- \$8.1k ahead of budget YTD
- JDT:-\$3.5k ahead of budget YTD
- JDS:-(\$4.4k) behind budget YTD TIMING DIFFERENCE ONLY
- Obedience Central \$0.9k ahead of budget YTD.
- Obedience Southern \$0.5k ahead of budget YTD.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

- Cash balances have increased \$197.7k since end of last financial year
- Debtors' similar level to end of last financial year.
- Prepayments (expenses paid in advance) are \$89.4k greater than at end of last financial year. The main item is the annual insurance which renewed at end of July. Insurance represents \$76k of the total prepayment amount. NOTE new insurance premiums will be \$14.1k more than those paid last year- an 18.4% increase. The budget has NO increase for insurance premiums. The other prepayment items are expenses associated with future events such as NDS and NZDAC or for work to be undertaken such as Wellington's replacement windows \$13.3k. The later will be released to expense in November to coincide with budget.

The E.C discussed and noted the report seeking CP's clarification over a couple of points regarding registry statistics and income,

Report received; Moved SM; Seconded FH – received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER

- **BREEDERS' CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES**

Report provided by Dr. Becky Murphy (BM).

a. *German Shepherd LRL*

A meeting was held with Tony Gibson during NDS 2019 to discuss the practicalities and specifics of LRL Tests and the club driven process to have a set of LRL's adopted. Further meetings with clubs are planned.

b. *Pug Club LRL*

Submissions were received both expressing concerns about two of the DNA tests included in the LRL proposal, and supporting retaining the DNA tests. Contact has been made with a prominent researcher in the USA and she is providing up to date information to the clubs so that they can make an informed decision about the tests.

c. *Animal Sentience Workshop Report*

The final report and video recordings of presentations from the Workshop run by the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) and the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) in 2017 has now been made available on the MPI website. This space will need to be watched in the coming months as there may be impacts depending on the final definition of *sentience being* for Dogs NZ.

d. *BOAS Chamber Update*

A funding proposal has been submitted by academics at Massey University to try and secure a PhD candidate to utilise the chamber. The person needs to be a veterinarian in order to perform the required clinical examinations. Once funding is secured then advertising for a PhD candidate will begin.

LS spoke to the E.C and advised that the CH&W committee are looking at option of having the Boas Chamber available at 3 private practice locations throughout the year (Potentially Palmerston North TCI Vets, Christchurch Vet practice, Auckland Takanui Vet practice). The E.C noted that Dogs NZ would own the Boas Chamber and it is proposed that the 3 vets would lease it on a revenue sharing model. Dogs NZ would still have full data rights to all testing results. BM to talk to BH re approach to Cambridge Uni for exclusive rights to own chamber in NZ.

e. *Dogs NZ Health Testing Forms – Consultation with NZVA, Companion Animal Vets (CAV)*

NZVA-CAV have offered Dogs NZ the opportunity to undertake an endorsement process for Dogs NZ health testing forms. By ensuring the forms are as up to date as possible, in line with New Zealand specialist recommendations, and having the NZVA stamp of endorsement would provide members and veterinarians with assurance that the health schemes are robust and trustworthy.

Suggested changes from the initial round of feedback received from specialists will be approved by CHWC. The endorsement process will then be considered by CHWC.

f. *CHWC Meeting 12th October 2019*

Pam Douglas and Jane Burke (apology) were welcomed to the committee. The valuable contributions of retired committee members Steve Tate, Rebecca Coombes and Mike Dellow were acknowledged.

- The purpose of the Committee was discussed, with a focus on working with other internal Dogs NZ committees/associations and NAWAC.
- The Dogs NZ Position Statements were discussed and some amendments suggested.

- An Accredited Breeders Scheme sub-committee was established to consider the scheme and how to move forward. The E.C noted BM is to send a form to all group specialist and all breed clubs about 3 key health issues.
- Breed Specific Instructions as utilised by the Nordic Kennel Club was discussed with a sub-committee formed to explore its possible implementation in New Zealand.

The E.C discussed and noted the report. The CH&W Committee is to come back to E.C with E.C recommendations regarding "Heat" regulations. The E.C advised LS to look at the Australian guidelines.

The E.C also recommends we are proactive on Social Media, noting a facebook page with no comments and more Dog iE news articles to cover the work of CHWC.

Moved LS: Seconded; JB- Report received

BREEDERS' CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES

Report provided by Lauren James (LJ).

The Breeders' Code of Conduct came into effect 1 May 2019. When a breach is detected the process is as follows:

- Email specific to breach sent to member detailing penalty and conditions.
- Fine is payable within 28 days of the date of the letter.
- If penalty paid, litter and dog registration proceeds as per any conditions.

Technically the breach occurs at the date of service but does not become apparent to Dogs NZ until the member attempts to register the litter online, submits a litter notification, or reports the breach. Other breaches have been detected by a report of errors occurring with the online litter notification programme.

Service Date	Breach	Fine	Date Paid
15/4/2019	Dam mated at less than 12 months of age	\$500	18/09/19
06/04/19	3 litters bred from the same bitch within 18 months	\$500	06/11/19
25/05/19	3 litters bred from the same bitch within 18 months	\$500	05/11/19
29/05/2019	3 litters bred from the same bitch within 18 months and a total of 7 litters from the bitch	\$1,500	Appealing
02/06/19	3 litters bred from the same bitch within 18 months	\$500	Invoiced 1/11/19
04/07/19	3 litters bred from the same bitch within 18 months	\$500	23/09/19
14/07/2019	3 litters bred from the same bitch within 18 months	\$500	19/09/19
30/07/19	Dam mated at less than 12 months of age	\$500	Letter 08/11/19
Service date NK whelped 16/08/19	more than 6 litters from one bitch	\$1,000	Appealed

The E.C noted the report.

Report received - Information Only

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

Annual Accounts

Still outstanding is the annual subscription and Public Liability Insurance for three recognised clubs who have all received numerous reminders –

- Central Chihuahua Club
- Auckland Bernese Mountain Dog Club
- The Saluki Club

Recommendation – that these three clubs be advised that if payment is not received by 1 December 2019 they be disassociated from Dogs New Zealand.

Moved: JB Seconded FH: Approved

Southern Bouvier Club – Application for Recognition

Application received for the recognition of a Southern Bouvier Club. The club advised that it was formed in June 2019 and held an AGM on 18 August 2019.

- Stated object of the club is “to promote the breed in New Zealand, hold events with the eventual aim of holding a bi-annual championship show and promote the health and health testing of the breed. The Club hopes to be able to offer people who inquire about the breed good advice and support should any issues arise.”
- A Battle of the Beards was held in Christchurch on August 2019 with an entry of 19 dogs (5 Bouviers included). This was a fun event, and attracted two new families to the breed and are now on waiting lists for a puppy
- They have a 2020 event calendar in process
- A copy of their constitution was sent with their application

There is already a Bouvier des Flandres Club associated with Dogs New Zealand which held a Championship show in March 2019 at Waipukurau in conjunction with Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association. Nothing has been received from this club regarding the above application.

E.C. decided that decision to be deferred until a letter is received from the North Island Bouvier Club.

The Poodle Club

AGM for this club is 23 November 2019 at Ardmore. Club will confirm after this date details of the new committee.

The Terrier Club

Club will close with remaining \$13k in funds and trophies to be forwarded to National Office

Wanganui Kennel Society – Application Not to Have Championship Shows in 2020

The Wanganui Kennel Society are requesting an exemption to not hold two Championship Shows scheduled for 14 and 15 March 2020. Three Group clubs who traditionally have held their shows in conjunction with this All Breeds Club have already applied for their shows to be held at another time in conjunction with another All Breeds Club.

Due to committee turnover and venue issues they are asking for dispensation from holding its double championship shows in March 2020 and look toward holding the shows in 2021 instead.

KB offered to run show dates at a suitable North Island venue as a benefit show for the Wellington Exhibition Centre with funds donated to window replacement capex.

Moved: KB Seconded LS: Approved

DOGS ON REPORT

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

RONIN MAKING A BIG IMPRESSION 04819-2016 Boxer owned by J Blee and H Owen

Male Boxer, on report for attacking a Clumber Spaniel outside the ring on 7 April 2019, was entered at Southland Kennel Association's three championship shows on 2/3 November 2019.

Observers were appointed and have reported no problems with the dog.

NZ CH TAUREAUXROUG DEVOTED TO YOU (IMP-AUST) 6100110721 Dogue de Bordeaux owned by D & H Wood

Female Dogue de Bordeaux, on report for attempting to bite the judge at a championship show in June 2019, was to be shown at Mastiff Breeds Association Championship show on 5 October 2019.

However owner reported that the dog had come into season and was not going to be shown.

Forrestblack Box O' Choclates 06489-2018 Pug owned by T Dowd

Female Pug was on report for aggressive behaviour towards the judge at a championship show in August 2019. Has now completed all observations without any problems being reported by any of the observers. Owner has been advised and endorsement has been removed.

Kit OB/7380 Heading Dog owned by V Fox

Female Heading Dog was placed on report following advice received from the Agility Show Manager at Otago Canine Training Club's events on 14 September 2019 that the dog attacked another dog while exiting the park through a gate way. All observations have been completed without any adverse comments from those observing. Owner has been advised in writing and endorsement has been removed.

CH Drumtreve I'm So Special 05153-2018 Gordon Setter owned by R Jaquier

Female Gordon Setter was placed on report for aggressive behaviour towards the judge at a championship show in August 2019. The dog has completed all observations with no problems reported by any of the observers. Owner has been advised and the endorsement removed.

Chip Of The Block OB/7891 Labrador X owned by R Saville

Male Labrador X is on report for attacking another dog at a ribbon trial on 19 May 2019.

Observers have been arranged by Agility Committee with no problems reported.

Lock N Load For Justice JD 03306-2017 Pyrenean Sheepdog – Long Haired owned by N Coulter

Male Pyrenean Sheepdog Long Haired was excluded by the judge from the ring at Canterbury Kennel Association's Championship show on 11 August 2019 for aggressive behaviour. All observations have been completed with no problems reported by any of the observers. Owner has been advised and the endorsement removed.

KAOS OB/8699 Border Collie owned by P Aldridge

Paul Remon, Show Manager for NZDAC has advised that this female Border Collie was reported to him for chasing and snapping at another dog running. The owner of the dog was spoken to and the dog excluded from the rest of the event. The owner has been advised that this dog is now on report. Dogs NZ records have been endorsed "Dog under observation".

Federal Star of Justice AD JDX RN 02922-2015 Pyrenean Sheepdog – Long Haired owned by T Page

Lisa Duff, Show Manager of Waimakariri Dog Training Club's Agility Events held on 7 September 2019 reported that this Pyrenean Sheepdog – Long Haired Federal Star of Justice AD JDX RN was removed from the ring when it rushed at one of the judges, Libby Ellery. This dog was then excluded from competing for the rest of the weekend.

As this dog had previously been on report the dog's records have been endorsed "Not to be shown – on report" and the owner advised.

Report received; Moved CH: Seconded; AB – received

NZ DOG WORLD / DOG iE NEWS REPORT

Report provided by Derek Johnson (DJ).

In terms of content, *NZ Dog World* continues with a formula that works for its readership and fulfils its role within Dogs New Zealand. Alongside show schedules, notices and event results from around dogdom, the magazine offers reportage from a dedicated team of contributors drawn from Dogs New Zealand's membership.

These regular contributions are supplemented by one-off features – event reports and science-based articles on canine health, for example – and the occasional breed feature. The contributor list is unpaid, though the Companion Animal Veterinarians branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association provides budget for vets to contribute their expertise to our magazine. An ongoing series of general canine health articles is a recent concrete result of this arrangement. We are also privileged to have access to a number of dog-focussed photographers who provide quality imagery that is for the most part available at no direct cost to the magazine.

The production side of *NZ Dog World* remains fairly stable at 4,300 copies printed monthly, with an extra 400 copies of October's issue produced for the Black Hawk 2019 National Dog Show. 'Wrappers' – issues mailed to members and subscribers was 4,032 for November issue and the trend for wrappers appears to be downward.

Pagination generally runs between 72 - 88 pages (plus 4pp of covers), depending on content.

The weekly *DOGiE News* email newsletter goes out to a list of over 4,800 individual email addresses, with around 250 'bounces' after each mail-out. Some bounces are the result of 'out of office' scripts but there is a core of addresses that no longer exists which we aim to tidy up. The newsletter offers a pipeline of timely and transient information and event updates to members. An article in the magazine or an item in *DOGiE News* are equally likely to generate a reader response, in the form of a general comment or a Letter to the Editor.

Advertising is tracking steadily with a solid cohort of regular advertisers taking pages, half pages and even 'business card' style ads. We recently gained a significant 11-month contract for a double page spread from Orijen and we look forward to that relationship. In addition, Nutrience, which took on a six-month contract for one page monthly starting in May 2019 undertook to carry on with that ad on a month-to-month basis. We hope to maintain this association into the New Year. In addition, we appreciate the occasional 'spotlight ad' or smaller commitment from members and traders supporting the dog world.

The E.C discussed and noted the report.

Information only – Received

4. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the sub-committee was provided which will help drive the Business Plan.

2. Committee Membership

The committee should be no more than 7-8 members.

The current sub-committee members are:

- Martin Hewitt (Chair)
- Brian Harris
- Jo Murray
- Steven Thompson

The remaining 3-4 positions should be a balance between drawing on the experience of previous strategy committee members, injecting some younger generational thinking, maintaining an Obedience / Agility presence and also a link to the current Governance working group.

3. Key Target and Next Steps

Target in 2020 is to be able to present a recommended strategic plan to the July Executive Council Meeting.

Our proposed meeting schedule is:

- First meeting in February on either Tuesday 11 or Thursday 13 February;
- Second Meeting on Friday before April E.C. meeting; and
- Third Meeting on Sunday after ACOD at the Brentwood.

Meetings would be held in Saunders Unsworth Board Room, Wellington starting with lunch at 12.30pm and Agenda issues be between 1-4pm.

The E.C discussed and agreed to extend an invitation to Pam Douglas (Judges/CH&W), Nick Chester (Agility), Ashley Rogers.

Moved: BH / SM Ratified

JUNIOR DOG COMMITTEES

• JUNIOR DOG HANDLER – JILL BROOKER PROPOSAL DISCUSSION

Proposed Re-structure of the Dogs NZ Junior Section Report provided by Jill Brooker (JB).

JB spoke to the paper noting for Junior's to move forward, education is the key.

The E.C discussed noting JDS & JDH need to work more closely with JDT. The annual camp is very positive and should include all codes, as currently confirmation kids are unaware of the camp due to the distance between codes. The E.C approved in theory but input step by step. It was also noted that Debbie and Kelly's concept in Auckland works well.

Moved: JB / LS Ratified

• JUNIOR DOG SHOWING – NAMING DECISION & SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Southern Representatives

- Ann & Geoff Pigou to be appointed as South Island representatives.

2. Naming Issue

- In her report to the February Executive Council meeting Margaret Rayner asked E.C. to consider changing Junior Dog Showing back to Young Kennel Club because of her

committees concerns that at present no one knows who is who between JDS/JDH and they believe that they have lost their identity.

- Executive Council at the February Meeting agreed to a name change to Young Kennel Club – Confirmation.
- I would like Executive to re-visit this decision for the following reasons:
 - In 2015 Executive Council signed off on a comprehensive re-branding our all our operations to Dogs NZ which included renaming our three junior organisations;
 - Considerable staff time and resources was devoted to ensuring that we had a consistent, cohesive, professional look to our new brand profile;
 - To allow individual committees to decide if they want to accept the new branding or revert back to the old kennel Club naming/branding will under mind the progress made in establishing the Dogs NZ Brand; and
 - There is a real cost to re-designing all our Junior Branding collateral to incorporate the move back to Kennel Club.
- The advice of the National Office is that we retain the existing Junior branding / name and continue to educate our members on the difference between JDH/JDS.
- If Executive Council is of the opinion that we do need a name change to create greater differentiation between JDS/JDH then we would recommend adopting:
 - Young Dog Showing (YDS)

The E.C discussed the report and approved Ann & Geoff Pigou as South Island representatives as well as adopting YDS.

The E.C agreed that the children should have input into their "colour". The E.C noted CGC needs input into their colour as well; Scent Work set in same format; Youth section. JB will go back to the JDS representatives about the re-brand.

Moved: JB, Seconded; LS – approved

- **JUNIOR DOG SHOWING REPORT**

Report provided by Margaret Rayner (MR).

- The Nationals this year attracted 64 entrances, 5 of these were Tiny Tots, under five years of age, the first time we have had this age group at the Nationals. While the Nationals this year was better than ever, the timing of JDS at 6pm at night when we are catering for children under 10 years of age, was not ideal.
- Funding for next year is now a priority and we need some fresh ideas. More discussion needs to be around the age groups and the reintroduction of the Team's events. We also need to have a list of rules drawn up for all current representatives so that we are all running heats by the same qualifying rules. Included in these rules should include age and temperament of dogs being handled in the heats.
- The representative members have stayed the same this year; with Kelly Te Reo and Debbie Hull in the top of the North Island and Elza Maulder in the bottom of the North Island. The Top of the South Island is Lauren Morris and the Middle of the South Island is Helen Dupe.

The E.C discussed Margaret Rayner's report noting FH is the Show Manager for the East Coast Ladies Show in Hawkes Bay and JB may attend also. The E.C discussed the makeup of JDH in general.

Moved: JB, Seconded; CH – approved

AUDIT AND RISK

Report provided by Ann Coulson (AC), Chair of Risk, Audit and Finance Committee.

- The continuing failure of Obedience Northern to satisfy any of the promises they have made to get the financial records to Wellington is now farcical and it is time for the Executive Council to take some action.

The E.C noted Clive Phillips is managing the Northern accounts.

- The RAF committee queried the increase in insurance premiums which should have been included in the budget and subject to discussion earlier in the year. We are assured that the insurance cover will go out for competitive quotes when it becomes due.
- Membership growth is falling far short of the Business Case projections and therefore the budget. This is a matter for the Director/Secretary to comment on as it is his Business Plan and Executive Council might like to revisit the underlying rationale for the increase and be assured that there is enough of the right staff focus on the project.
- ST commented, our recruiting and retaining is dependent on the sponsorship renewal programme.
- The financial position is generally robust with a strong Balance Sheet and good cash position.
- The RAF committee have a good interaction with the Treasurer, and appreciate his clear analysis of the finances and prompt attention to our queries.

The E.C discussed the report and noted Obedience is to look at their overall structure and recommended Clive Phillips (CP) look at all 3 regional accounts. The 3 regions are to arrange access for CP. ST is to write to Ann advising her of E.C decisions.

Moved: SM, Seconded; FH – approved

AGILITY

Report provided by Fiona Hodgson (EC representative).

Blenheim Nationals

- The local girls did a great job of getting this together. Good crowds attended and were clapping and cheering runs with a great atmosphere. The final gala night was awesome and it was great to see the agility dogs come to collect their trophies that night.

NZDAC Cromwell

- This NZDAC was a huge success and with a record number of runs for the South Island show. From the Friday welcome to the close of business at 4pm Monday, the local organising committee did an amazing job. When we visited the grounds to say goodbye on Tuesday morning, they were all still there working packing and tidying and ensuring the grounds were perfect when they left. The organising committee deserves a lot of kudos.
- The number and friendliness of the executive to attend was commented on several times to both myself and others. Thank you for getting into the spirit, judging mad costume competitions and generally being available.

JUDGE PROMOTION

- Request the approval of the promotion of Linda Mortimer to the Agility Panel from the Agility Ribbon Trial panel to take effect 1 Jan 2020.

Moved, FH: Seconded, CH - approved

NZDAC 2020

- The Zone 2 NZDAC venue is the Hawkes Bay Sportspark in Hastings. Judges are being appointed and a budget will be presented to the December AC meeting for ratification along with a planned schedule.

Financial

- We are on budget for the year and have no major concerns.

The E.C discussed the report and the attached Strategy for NZ Dog Agility 2019.

Report received; Moved FH: Seconded; JB – received

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (Chairperson).

1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings

- A Skype Dog Obedience Committee Meeting was held on 7 November 2019.

2. Obedience Voter Eligibility Vote.

- Two Discussion papers concerning amendments to the current Obedience Voter Eligibility and allowing a fourth invitational team to participate as an Inter-Region Team at the NDOA was distributed to all eligible Obedience members during September. Following considerable feedback it was decided to extend member discussion on allowing a fourth invitational team till February 2020.
- Following feedback, a small alteration was made to the original remit concerning Obedience Voter Eligibility before being posted for voting. The vote was 76% in favour and 11% against a change to remit.

3. National Dog Show 2019.

- Obedience at the NDS, hosted in Blenheim ran over five days, starting with UD Working Trials on Tuesday, and finishing with Test C on Saturday.
- **ALL** of the feedback received has been especially positive, with considerable praise being given for the venue and its organization. It was also noted, and very much appreciated that at least five EC members visited the venue.
- Staff at the Convention Centre were also extremely welcoming, friendly and helpful. Evening meals supplied were also excellent.

4. National Dog Show 2020.

- A majority of the Dog Obedience Committee supported the 2020 NDS Committee's decision not to include Obedience. Subsequent to this decision however, there has been a considerable amount of animosity directed by a few individuals over Social Media at DOC and its Chairperson. Much of the information shared has been both fallacious and misleading, and despite two official responses having been given to correct the misinformation, this has done little to quell the most vociferous proponents.

5. **National Dog Obedience Assembly 2020.**
 - The 2020 NDPOA Committee have announced that their main function theme will be a pyjama party.
6. **Proposed “Show Case Show”**
 - The Dog Obedience Committee were unanimous in their support for the instigation of a Dogs New Zealand Show Case Show which would be funded by Dogs New Zealand and highlight all three major codes with emphasis being placed on public appeal and media coverage. For Obedience. Such a show was potentially seen as being an invitational show, in which only the very best Obedience dogs would compete against one another for National titles. As such, it was also “seen” as an appropriate alternative to participating at a National Dog Show.
7. **Train the Trainers Seminar.**
 - Another very successful Train the Trainers seminar was held in Dunedin in August. It was decided that to capitalize on what has been achieved, to produce a training manual and program specifically aimed at “recognized” trainers for which certification could be achieved. This would then lead to the development of Competitive Obedience and Domestic Dog Trainers registers.
8. **Dog Trainers Association of New Zealand.**
 - With Dogs New Zealand taking increased control over Domestic and Obedience Dog Training issues, a review of the necessity to continue DTANZ will be conducted in six months’ time.
9. **Show/Event Managers Training.**
 - Dog Obedience members were very keen for the instigation of a Dogs New Zealand Show/Event Managers training programme, which could encompass all disciplines since the issues are considerably similar.
10. **Scent work.**
 - Following a member querying the use of Essential Clove Oil for Dogs New Zealand Scent due to its toxicity, an extensive review of a number (43) of Essential Oils was undertaken with a result that the use of Essential Clove Oil was indeed deemed to be “unsafe” for dogs. Essential Cedar wood Oil was ultimately selected as preferred oil of choice. The current Dogs New Zealand Scentwork rules and Imprinting information will therefore be amended accordingly.
11. **Domestic Obedience Training.**
 - Steven Thompson presented a progress report regards Domestic Training, with a view that the Dog Obedience Committee eventually take greater responsibility for Domestic Dog Training. This issue is scheduled to be further discussed at their March 2020 meeting.
 - A suggestion was made that DNZ Obedience Societies be encouraged to conduct an Elementary/Beginners competition on completion of their Domestic training courses.
12. **Dog Obedience Regulations.**
 - a. Following a vote concerning Obedience voter eligibility, changes to Dog Obedience Regulation 5.2 is to be made subject to EC endorsement.
 - b. Following a recent review of the Dog Obedience Regulations, the wording of a number of regulations has been slightly altered to better reflect the intent of the regulation without altering its requirements (therefore not requiring votes, as per DOR 5.1.6). All of these recommended changes have been forwarded to the Dogs NZ Director/Secretary and included in the Regulations section of the EC’s November papers for endorsement.

- c. A request has been made to the DNZ Director/Secretary to have the four main sections of the Dog Obedience Regulations represented by page colour to better identify which sections are most relevant to the various main codes contained within it.
- d. The Dog Obedience Regulations Index has been re-written to correct numerous errors and enable better referencing.
- 13. Region Show Calendars.**
- A standardization of the Show Calendars displayed on the Obedience website is to be done to achieve greater clarity and continuity for competitors in all three Obedience Regions in determining when and where Obedience Shows/Events are being held.
- 14. Dogs On Report Monitoring.**
- It was agreed by the Obedience Committee that when a dog is placed on report due to an incident at an Obedience Show/Event, that all judges involved in the particular discipline the dog was involved in be made aware of this. Likewise, when a dog is no longer on report, all judges will be so notified.
 - It was also agreed that a dog on report **MUST** be observed for the required number of times, performing in the same discipline they were reported in.
- 15. Ribbon Trial Review.**
- a. Considerable discussion on the lack of Obedience Ribbon Trials, which has resulted in many handlers now using their Championship Show entries to train their dogs. Lack of Obedience Ribbon Trials has also made it considerably more difficult to train and progress Obedience Judges.
- It was resolved therefore that a Discussion paper and subsequent vote will be put out to the Obedience members to reinstate a previous regulation requiring all DNZ Obedience Societies (with exception of Working Trials Associations) to compulsorily host a minimum of one Ribbon Trial per annum.
- b. Obedience Ribbon Trial Beginners and Novice Judging to be conducted by non DNZ Obedience Panel Judges. Such judging would be restricted to members who are currently competing in Obedience Test C, and/or have indicated a willingness to consider becoming a DNZ Obedience Judge.
- 16. Obedience participation survey.**
- A survey is to be conducted in an attempt to better understand what it is that participants like or dislike about Obedience participation.
- 17. Kiwi Sport Hunde Inc.**
- The Dog Obedience Committee were unanimous in the rejection of Kiwi Sport Hunde's application for recognition by DNZ. It was felt that the style of training endorsed, and equipment used in this sport was both inappropriate and contrary to DNZ policy regards positive training and would furthermore, tarnish DNZ's image.
 - Once a dog is taught to bite, they bite for life, and consistent control is required at ALL times. New Zealand Police dogs are trained in a very controlled manner and are likewise utilized with a warning that they WILL bite if inappropriate actions are perceived. Anyone can train Sports Hunde, but they cannot control how a "trained" dog is handled thereafter, or at what stage a training is terminated. There is also a danger that such trained dogs become targeted for criminal activities, including dog fighting.
- 18. Champion Certificate Seal.**
- A request has been made to have the DNZ seal placed on Working Trial Champion Certificates to also be placed on Obedience Championship and Grand Obedience Championship certificates. *ST noted the office has been notified.*

19. Incorporation of Rally-O Judges into the Obedience Judges Association.

- Work on revising the constitution to allow for the incorporation of DNZ Panel Rally-O Judges has almost been completed.
- The Obedience Judges Association have revised their constitution to incorporate DNZ Rally-O Judges, in making it more generic so that it may be possible to also incorporate DNZ Judges not otherwise eligible to seek membership in other DNZ Judges Associations.

20. Appointment of Rally-O Judges

- That Jan Walter and Rosalind Walkington be ratified as new Rally O Judges
 - AB moved; JB seconded – approved

21. Trick Training.

- A review of Dog Trick Training is currently being undertaken so it can be an added code to the current repertoire of Obedience Disciplines.
- The E.C discussed the report and noted once again the issue of Northern Obedience accounts needs to be resolved. The E.C noted the National Obedience Show is during Easter 2020 at Riding for the Disabled venue in Taupo. The E.C recommended AB request a budget and pass on to E.C.

Report received; Moved AB: Seconded; FH – received

MUSEUM TRUST (VERBAL UPDATE)

Report provided by Keith Brown (KB), Chair of Museum Trust.

- AGM was held on Friday evening 22nd November. Key focus on future events to raise funds for a suitable facility that can house our History collection. If the collection is to remain in Wellington we need to look at option to move the Museum down stairs to the board room.

KB spoke to his paper and updated the E.C on the Museum Trust Committee meeting held the previous evening. The E.C discussed and noted it was a work in progress alongside the CAPEX Committee.

Moved KB: Seconded FH – received

BREED STANDARDS

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (MH), Chair of Breed Standards Committee.

The committee met by Teleconference on 4/11/19

1. Anatolian Shepherd Dog and Kangal Shepherd Dog

Following the call for submissions in the August Dog World a large number were received from New Zealand and Overseas.

While there is a diversity of opinions it is agreed by the majority that most, if not all, of the Anatolian SD would not meet the Standard agreed to by FCI (FCI Standard 331)

A number of countries, including Australia, recognise and register both breeds.

We also considered a letter written from the Turkish Kennel Club which is annexed to this report where the recommendation is that those dogs Registered as Anatolians and which do not meet the Kangal Standard should remain as Anatolians.

Recommendation 1: That no changes be made to the Registration of either Anatolians or Kangals in New Zealand and that importation and registration of dogs from overseas be permitted.

Recommendation 2: That interbreeding between Kangals and Anatolians shall not be permitted

Recommendation 3: That anyone in New Zealand wishing to transfer a dog from the Anatolian Register to the Kangal Register should make further submissions to Dogs New Zealand.

Moved CH: Seconded LS – carried

2. Interbreeding of Belgian Shepherds

The committee considered the submissions following the article placed the Dog World.

It considered the protocols adopted by the FCI and subsequently by ANKC.

The majority of the submissions favoured allowing the interbreeding of the varieties based on the recommendations from the FCI.

The protocols adopted by the FCI are in accordance with those recommended by Belgian Kennel Club

Recommendation 4: That Dogs NZ permits interbreeding between varieties of Belgian Shepherds when needed for promoting health and genetic diversity (in accordance with FCI General Assembly 2011)

Breeding combinations permitted:

1. Groenendael x Tervueren
2. Tervueren x Malinois
3. Laekenois x Malinois

Moved KB: Seconded CH – carried

Recommendation 5: That a new Registration Regulation be drafted to allow for this interbreeding.

Recommendation 6: That each individual progeny shall be registered as per its variety. FH raised concerns over interbreeding of Belgian Shepherds being permitted without any sort of controls. The E.C allowed recommendations to go forward as is and FH is to come back to E.C with a formula to add to the recommendations.

Moved FH: Seconded BH – carried

3. Rottweiler

The committee considered the submissions on a proposal by the Central Rottweiler Club to adopt the new FCI Standard for the Rottweiler.

All submissions were in favour and the committee could see no reason not to adopt the new Standard.

Recommendation 7: That FCI standard N° 147 be adopted as the official Standard for Dogs New Zealand.

Moved KB: Seconded CH – carried

4. Interbreeding of Smooth and Rough Coat Collies

The committee discussed the Submissions received following the notice in Dog World in October.

Most of those submissions were in favour of allowing interbreeding.

The Committee agreed that there no reason to go back on the previous recommendation that we should support the change and concluded:

Recommendation 8: That the interbreeding of Smooth and Rough Coat Collies be allowed for a period of 10 years after such time this would be reviewed.

Recommendation 9: That the registration of imported interbred Collies be officially approved.

Recommendation 10: That a new Registration Regulation be drafted to allow for this interbreeding.

Recommendation 11: That each individual progeny shall be registered as per "coat type".

The E.C noted an alert to be set for 10 years in recommendation 8.

Moved CH: Seconded FH – carried

5. Pugs

The committee considered a submission from the Wellington Pug Dog Club requesting an amendment to the description of the Rose Ear in the Standard.

The current Standard used is the one set by The Kennel Club and was adopted by us in 2017 again at the initial request of the Wellington Pug Dog Club.

The committee noted that in the Standard there are in fact two ear types recognised- Button Ear and Rose Ear and felt that was enough to cover the concerns of the Club.

We also noted that it is not within the protocols of this committee to make changes to an overseas breed standard and that if the Club was concerned about the wording, they should take it up with the Pug Clubs in the UK.

Recommendation 12: That the request for the amendment to the Pug Standard be declined.

Moved CH: Seconded STT – carried

6. Tibetan Mastiff

A copy of a letter put together by the Tibetan Mastiff World Group raising concerns about the long-term future of the breed because of many non-typical dogs being promoted, especially out of China. These dogs are called Chinese Mastiffs by many people.

The letter is being widely circulated to Kennel Clubs around the world.

While there are no specific actions requested the committee shared the concerns of the group writing the letter and should we be requested to take action in the future to separate the two types this should be considered seriously.

The committee thanked Kirstie Bain for bringing this to our attention.

Report received

FORRESTER PARK

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

1. A meeting attended by DCC Animal Control, Parks & Reserves personnel, representatives from FPMC & several representatives from various clubs was held on Friday, 18th Oct to discuss the plan to have a park for small dogs at Forrester Park. We were successful in getting the placement slightly changed & the size reduced so that it will still leave room for

shows & events to be held. Nothing more will be done to the grounds until some time has passed to see how well this subdivision works.

2. This didn't address the issues of the public complaints around events on the grounds or vehicles being allowed access for events but there will be further meetings to discuss these issues.
3. A small working group has been formed under direction from Steven Thompson, to give a strong unified group to work with council to attempt to get the best outcome possible for all DogsNZ users of Forrester Park.
4. The wheelie bin enclosure is to be moved to the area between the building & OCTC's shed. They will be out of the way & will free up 2-3 car parks.
5. An electrical report & quote for LED lights have been received that indicates that electrical work needs to be carried out to ensure the safety of the building.
6. We are pleased to welcome Leanne Pryde to the FPMC committee & we look forward to her legal experience, especially with our dealing with the council.

The E.C discussed and noted Clive Phillips (CP) and Steven Thompson (ST) will be in Dunedin on Monday 9 December 2019 to meet with the Forrester Park Management Committee to discuss issues and options moving forward. The E.C noted the current lease of 30yrs is 2yrs overdue.

Report received. Moved JB; Seconded KB – received

AUCKLAND PROPERTY

Report provided by Christine Wood (Chairperson AEC).

Maintenance Report

- The 2019 winter has been long and wet, and the bund area that separates us from our nearest neighbour Mrs Herring has been very wet. Mrs Herring has removed tress from her side of this boundary. This has expose our popular trees and some of them have been discovered to be in distress. Three have had to be removed due to the danger that they were about to fall over onto her roof.
- We are currently gathering quotes to refurbish the office /board room area in the Amenities building. This spend has been allowed for in our budget.
- The floors in the barn kitchens are also being looked at - these have become a health and safety matter. This spend has been allowed for in our budget.

General

- We recently voted to invite Mark Jorey to join the AEC property committee as he is knowledgeable (engineering background), a hard worker who is ready to lend a hand to anyone that needs it. He has a thoughtful approach to problem solving and will be an asset to our committee.

The E.C discussed and noted all three NZKC properties Chair & Treasurer positions are appointed by the Executive Council. The E.C agreed this is the protocol we need to use going forward and we will advertise the Chair & Treasurer positions in the magazine for all three properties.

Moved JB: Seconded STT – received

SCENT WORK

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (Chairperson).

The E.C discussed the Dogs NZ Scentwork Sub-Committee Report and the attached Terms of Reference.

The E.C noted the Key Targets and Next Steps for 2020 are:

- Establish Dogs NZ Scentwork Regulation. A draft to be presented at the February E.C meeting;
- Establishment of cross crediting of qualifications between Dogs NZ and other organisations providing the same scentwork division exercises;
- Conducting of imprint and scentwork instructor workshops;
- Establishment of an accredited novice container search division;
- Establishment of an accredited advance container search division;
- Establishment of an accredited novice interior search division; and
- Establishment of a dogs NZ scentwork judges panel.

The E.C endorsed the proposed committee members and suggested a separate page for Scent work be on the Dogs NZ website.

Moved AB: Seconded JB – received

5. REGULATIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT – FINES & PENALTIES PROPOSAL

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

The Executive Council has asked the Director Secretary to look at options to provide “greater teeth” to the enforcement of our Social Media Code of Conduct and with dealing with complaints about member behavior on social media.

Social Media Policy & Enforcement – The Queensland Experience

Dogs Queensland have a Social Media Policy and Guidelines that consists of the following:

- Purpose of the Policy
- Definition of what is Social Media
- Who does the Policy Apply to?
- Guiding Principles

These are more prescriptive than our current Social Media policy especially in the guiding principles which detail 10 principles which must be followed at all times in any interaction concerning the canine community.

Dogs Queensland also link the guiding principles to their Constitution and Rules which deal with prohibitions on the engaging of various forms of conduct by Dogs Queensland members.

Policy Non Compliance

Misuse of Social Media is dealt with via their complaints procedure. Disciplinary action may include:

- Referral of the matter to the Breaches Panel convened by Dogs Queensland
- Information provided to Queensland Police

Other disciplinary action that maybe taken includes issuing a formal warning and suspension of membership.

Reporting of policy non-compliance must follow the formal Compliance Procedure which details the following specific social media terms:

- Contain an actual copy of the post (i.e. screen shot) if the complaint relates to the Social Media Policy.
- They do waive the standard \$200 lodgement fee for any complaint relating to the Social Media Policy.
- If a defendant is found guilty of any breach of the Social Media Policy they can be fined \$200 and/or have their membership suspended.
- To appeal the fine or suspension the Appellant lodges an appeal form and pays a \$110 appeal fee.

Recommendations

Social Media Code of Conduct Policy

1. We are more prescriptive in our Social Media Code of Conduct about what constitutes acceptable / unacceptable behavior.

Discipline & Settlement of Disputes Regulations

2. We add a Social Media specific clause in Section 2(a) Grounds for Complaints.
3. We add a Breach of Social Media Code of Conduct specific clause in Section 3(c) Laying a Complaint which details information required.
4. We consider if we add an exemption clause for Social Media complaints in Section 4(a) Complaint Lodgement Fees.
5. We are specific about a \$200 breach of Social Media fine and / or suspension of membership in Section 9(a) Penalties.

Any recommendations approved by Executive Council would be communicated to members via articles in NZ Dog World and Dog-iE news.

The E.C discussed and are happy to go ahead and draft the changes noting a lodgement fee is appropriate. The E.C recommend that any new policy be reviewed by Gibson Sheat prior to bringing back to E.C in February for sign-off.

Moved LS; Seconded FH – approved

BREEDERS CODE OF CONDUCT – NUMBER OF LITTERS DISCUSSION (LISA SLADE)

LS updated the E.C about CH&W views in regards to the Breeders Code of Conduct - Number of Litters.

The E.C discussed and recommended 4 litters per bitch rather than the current 6. The E.C noted there will be a lead in period of 6 months till June 2020 and members can come to E.C for approval for dispensation if required.

Moved LS; Seconded CH – approved

SPECIALIST GRAND CHAMPION – CLARIFICATION OF CURRENT REGULATION

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

The E.C discussed this current regulation and noted it was an unfair award for majority of dogs in NZ and would therefore remove show regulation 22.13 from the Dogs NZ regulations but noted the current specialist grand champ remains. The E.C also noted CH was against this decision.

Moved JB; Seconded BH – approved

REGULATION CHANGES TO BE INSERTED INTO THE DOG OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS (EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2020)

A comprehensive range of regulations updates in the following sections of the Obedience Regulations was presented for approval.

5.2 Individual Voting

- 5.2.1 Obedience Individual Defined
- 5.2.2 Obedience Individual Voting
- 5.2.3 Working Trials Individual Defined
- 5.2.4 Working Trials Individual Voting
- 5.2.5 Rally-O Individual Defined
- 5.2.6 Rally-O Individual Voting
- 5.2.7 Restricted Rally-O Individual Defined
- 5.2.8 Restricted Rally-O Individual Voting

8.14 Rally-O Panel – Appointment and Promotion

- 8.14.1 Procedure for First Appointment to the Novice Rally-O Panel Criteria
- 8.14.2 Rally-O Judges should:
- 8.14.3 Procedure for Rally-O Judges to progress from the Novice Panel to the Advanced Panel Criteria
- 8.14.4 Procedure for Rally-O Judges to progress from the Advanced Panel to the Excellent Panel Criteria
- 8.14.5 Procedure for Rally-O Judges to progress from the Excellent Panel to the Encore Panel Criteria

12.2.3.4 Retrieve

13.5.6.4 Set-up of Dogs for Stays

25.5.18 Halt - Sit. (sign #3)

25.5.19 Halt – Down Dog. (sign #4)

The E.C discussed and agreed the regulation changes be inserted in to the Dog Obedience Regulations effective 1 January 2020.

Moved AB; Seconded SM – approved

EXCLUSION OF DOGS – SHOW REGULATIONS

Report provided by Clint Hoebein (CH) and Fiona Hodgson (FH).

We have been tasked by Council to review proposed changes to the Exclusion of Dogs regulations and we share the following concerns.

Is this necessary to call for the entire show to be stopped? We can see merit in possibly stopping the ring where the incident took place, but don't see benefit in stopping the entire show. This can be made optional.

It was pointed out in submissions received that if we are going to report incidents to the local council, it needs to be reported immediately so the local council can send out dog control to investigate and take photos. We see major issues with dog control holding up the show even longer and this may also cause issues with out of town dogs. This should only be considered in the worst case scenario.

We have an issue with excluding a dog for "threatening or intimidating behaviour" for seven days as we find this far too vague. What types of incidents count as threatening or intimidation? Who decides if it "significantly affects the performance of another dog or handler?" We think level 1 should be deleted and the levels be re numbered 1-5.

We feel that since it is now commonplace for there to be two shows in a day (Conformation) and multiple fixtures over a weekend in Obedience and Agility, we should consider changing the observations to six **days** rather than six fixtures. The way it is currently written if you have a weekend of 4 shows and your dog is having a good day, you can get four favourable reports in one weekend. We don't think that was the intension when the regulation was written.

There have also been questions around whether the exhibitor should know who the observers are. FH Has received reports form recent agility observers that the behaviour of the handler is different around them when they know they are the observer.

We also need to look at dogs being excluded from specific codes and how that effects them in other codes. For example, a dog gets excluded from conformation for snapping at the judge while the judge is trying to mouth the dog. If the same dog competes in agility or obedience, he won't be put in a situation where he is being mouthed, so is it necessary for him to be observed at agility or obedience? Or be excluded from competing in those codes? Alternatively, an obedience dog attacks another dog during an off-lead stay. If that dog also competed in Conformation it would not be left around other dogs unattended and off lead, so is his exclusion relevant to conformation?

In conclusion we feel that these regulations need some tweaking before going "live". We have recommended a few alterations along the lines of our above comments.

The E.C discussed the report and the attached regulations. The E.C agreed to adopt the regulations subject to the minor amendments. The E.C requested Colleen Begg to be advised not to notify who the "Observer" is.

Moved CH; Seconded STT – approved

DOGS NZ POLICY STATEMENT PAPER

Report provided by Jill Brooker (JB on the updating of the following key policy statements following feedback from Canine Health & Welfare Committee.

- Breeding Regulations and Restrictions
- Canine Population Issues
- Debarking
- Dew Claw Removal

- Dog Fighting
- Misuse of Service Dogs
- Pinch and Prong Collars
- Proper Care and Humane Treatment of Dogs
- Protection for Puppy Purchasers
- Public Transportation for Dogs
- Purebred Dog Rescue
- Responsible Breeding Practices
- Responsible Dog Ownership
- Spaying and Neutering
- Tail Docking
- The Advantages of Purebred Dogs
- The Right to Keep and Enjoy Dogs
- Use of Dogs in Research
- Use of Dogs in Sporting, Working and Competition Activities
- Use of Working, Assistance and Service Dogs

The E.C discussed and recommended CH&W amendments, and for publication in the Dog World.

Moved LS; Seconded JB – approved

REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREE DOGS IN REGISTRY II

Report provided by Sue Conner (SC).

1. Background

This year we have focused on implementing major changes to our registry. We have automated the Online Litter Notification (OLN) system to be able to comply with all litter regulations, the Accredited Breeders (ABS) and Litter Registration Limitations (LRL) requirements when notifying litters. We amalgamated all health testing data from the ABS and LRL into one cohesive database so OLN could accurately check health tests for processing litters.

The introduction of new litter regulations on 1 May 2019 has required us to relook at all the coding 1 May 2019 and then the new regulations from 1 May 2019.

- *The regulations prior to 1 May have up to 1 year to notify litters and up to two years to register all puppies –this regulation will take time to phase out.*
- *The new regulations allow up to 6 months to register all litters and puppies.*

To administer and enforce the new regulation effectively the following work has been completed:

- Part One** Set up a process to check puppies notified against puppies registered.
- Part Two** Send an automated email reminder at four months, advising that there is two months left and another at 5 months two weeks advising that there are two weeks left to register all/remaining puppies.

- Part Three** Added a new link on the members home page, called 'My litters'. Members can look and see what litters they have and what registrations are still pending.
- Part Four** Create an administration process and enforcement action to deal with regulation breaches.

2. Key Issue

Sending automated emails and listing litters on the member's page require the OLN system to look at puppies notified against puppies registered. However we have an issue which is interfering with accurate reporting.

Pedigree dogs placed on the Limited Register II (due to breaching LRL, Breed Standard and Breeders Code of Conduct requirements as per the penalties and conditions that apply from 1 May 2019) are registered with OB numbers.

This means that when reporting on puppies notified vs puppies registered, there is no way to cross reference pedigree dogs that for breaches have been registered in a completely different database (Limited Registry II), with non-pedigree numbers, to check that they are complying with our registry regulations.

3. Proposed Resolution

We would like Executive Council approval to Re-register all LRL, BCOC and Colour breach dogs on the Restricted Register III and add (LIFETIME) endorsements that clearly identify these dogs. The Endorsement is coded to eliminate the dog from participating in everything apart from obedience and agility. Endorsement cannot never be removed.

Endorsements:

- LRL/BCOC Breach – Does not meet the LRL or BCOC requirements of Dogs NZ.
- Colour Breach - Does not meet the requirements of the Dogs NZ Breed standards.
- These endorsements can NEVER be lifted.

These dogs regardless of the endorsement or fault are still pedigree dogs – there is proof of lineage so they should not be entered as a non-pedigree dog.

4. Outcome

A streamlined registry system, where we can accurately report and monitor compliance with our regulations, especially for pedigree dogs in breach of BCOC/LRL requirements. Avoids placing pedigree dogs with proven lineage in a registry created for cross bred dogs. It allow us to have accurate pedigree dog data and accurate obedience / agility dog data.

The E.C discussed and requested SC re-write how the regulation 12.1.4 will look with the above recommendations and come back to the E.C. February meeting for approval

Moved JB; Seconded SM – approved

12.2.4 REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

Verbal update provided by Brian Harris (BH) regarding an issue with the current wording of this regulation.

The E.C discussed and recommended that we add an International accepted equivalent regarding Hip Dysplasia scores.

Moved BH; Seconded STT – approved

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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KAREN MCINTYRE LETTER TO NZ DOG WORLD

The E.C discussed and noted the letter received from Karen McIntyre about Resignation Reactions.

The E.C acknowledged Karen's letter and recommended a thank you letter in return.

Moved SM; Seconded BH – approved

NZ MALINOIS LETTER

The E.C discussed and noted the letter received from Jenny Griffin, President NZWM.

The E.C agreed to write to Jenny advising them if they hold an unrecognised event, they risk suspension.

Moved BH; Seconded KB – approved

7. OTHER

GENERAL BUSINESS

DNZ SCENT WORK REPORT

The E.C discussed and noted the Preliminary Dogs NZ Scentwork Report.

TRADE ME EQUIVALENT ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

JB spoke to her report noting this was an opportunity not to be missed. The E.C discussed and agreed to ask ST to include the ideas in the Web Site Editorial review and investigate the opportunities for programmatic and linking to our registry litter notifications data base.

Moved JB; Seconded SM – approved

KUMEU / FRANKLYN CLUB JOINT SHOW

The E.C discussed Ray Greer's New Format Show Procedures Report.

The E.C noted that their request for a 3rd show was reported incorrectly in the September minutes, as permission had been given in 2018.

Moved SM; Seconded BH – approved

CHAMPION CERTIFICATES

The E.C discussed Christine Nielsen's email about Champion Certificates.

The E.C noted Christine's letter and that the seal is added to all Champion certificate. The National Office to check that the imprint comes through on the certificates.

A new Breeders Champion certificate and application form is to be designed. BH to discuss with SC.

Moved JB; Seconded BH – approved

National Dog Show 2021 Venue

The E.C agreed the NDS 2021 will take place in the Wellington Region.

The E.C requested a 3rd quote for the Wellington roof and then potentially apply for a grant via PCC or see what other funding options we have.

NZJA

The E.C agreed a letter be dispatched to the Judges Association about ratification of judges by E.C prior to accepting an appointment. The E.C agreed a tidy up of the process is essential.

Moved JB; Seconded BH – approved

The E.C noted Beth Warman's' letter re: Judges Association examination issues. The E.C agreed to write back to Beth noting her concerns.

Moved CH; Seconded BH – approved

PRESIDENT SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BH closed the meeting at 2pm on 24 November 2019.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2019-2020 term)

Saturday / Sunday February 22/23 2020	Wellington
April 4/5 2020	Wellington
June 19 2020	Wellington