



Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Held on 25-26 February 2023

**At Dogs New Zealand
Level 1, Tottenham House
7 Kilkerran Place
PORIRUA**

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President
 Jill Brooker (JB)
 Karen McIntyre (KM)
 Martin Hewitt (MH)
 Fiona Hodgson (FH)
 Chris Richardson (CR)

Stephen Meredith (SM)
 Lynley Drummond (LD)
 Catherine McManus (CM)
 Steve Tate (STT)
 Geoff Collins (GC)

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary
 Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer
 Sharon Bosma (SB) – Executive Administrator

APOLOGIES

Nil

WELCOME

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 08:57am and Karen McIntyre (KM) newly elected EC member replacing the late Donna Hailes.

MOVED: That Chris Richardson (CR) be appointed to Executive Council representing Agility and replacing Phil Johnson. Karen McIntyre (KM) to be appointed to Executive Council as a South Island representative following the passing of Donna Hailes

Moved: CM; Seconded: LD; – Carried

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The E.C adopted the agenda.

Moved: SM; Seconded: STT; – Carried

DECEASED MEMBERS

The E.C noted the list of deceased members: Donna Hailes (Executive Councilor, West Melton); Barbara Donnelly (Blenheim); Evan Kendon (Christchurch); Brent Stevens (Lower Hutt); Amanda Kidd (Auckland); Shirley Barrett (Brightwater); Terry O’Keefe (Christchurch); Kenneth Clifflin (Christchurch); Ann McAllister (Wellington); Val Davison (Waikanae); Paul Gurbich (Auckland); Helen Upson (Dannevirke) and Trevor Maitland (Auckland).

Motion:

BH to arrange a plaque to recognise Donna Hailes contribution to the E.C and Dogs New Zealand.

Moved: CM; Seconded: LD; – Carried

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Noted for existing and newly elected EC members.

Changes made to register for Chris Richardson, Lynley Drummond and Geoff Collins.

RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES

The following email votes by Executive Council were held in the period 8 November 2022 – 10 February 2023:

Executive Council Email Vote:	Ratified by:
Approval for use of NZ Judge at Gore February 2023 Show	10 Votes
Judges Promotion of K Magnus to Working Dogs Group	10 Votes
Date for the implementation of Registry Regulation 9.1.7: March 1 2023	8 Votes
Update of FCI Regulations to include Group 11	11 Votes
Amendment to Agility Regulation 7.2.1.1	7 Votes
Inclusion of Junior & Veteran CACIB in Show Reg 11 (FCI Shows)	9 Votes
Blenheim Canine Training Club as championship obedience/dog training society	10 Votes
Promotion of Joanne Day to the Junior Handler Judges Panel	11 Votes

Moved: STT; Seconded: GC; - Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 19-20 November 2022 meeting minutes as true and correct record.

Moved: JB; Seconded: CR; – Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER 2022 MINUTES**Motion:**

Chris Richardson appointed to the Judicial Committee.

Moved: BH; Seconded: CM; – Carried

2. FINANCE

TREASURERS REPORT: 31 DECEMBER 2022 ACCOUNTS

Report provided by Clive Phillips.

Financial Results Operational December 2022***December – Operating Deficit for month******December Actual Operating Revenue less than Budget by (\$1.9k).***

Dunedin \$1.2k, Gazette \$6.3k, NDOA \$4.9k, Agility \$0.1k, YDT/S \$2kDog and CGC \$1.3k recorded monthly revenues favourable to budget while NZKC (\$2.9k), AEC (\$12.4k), Dog Training Nthrn (\$0.4k), Centrl (\$1.6k) and Sthrn (\$0.2k) had revenue under budget.

AEC's unfavourable revenue is due to the partial reversal of the November transfer of Bequest funds from receipts in advance to Donations to offset expenditure incurred on Bequest projects undertaken at Ardmore. One non bequest project was incorrectly included in the November transfer – amount involved \$16.7k.

December Actual Operating Expenditure *Unfavourable* compared to budget by (\$24.5k)

AEC \$5.3k, Dunedin \$0.4k, Agility \$0.7k, JDS \$0.1k and Dog Training Nthrn \$0.2k were the favourable activities to budget.

Dogs NZ head office (\$7.4k), Gazette (\$15.3k), Dog Training Centrl (\$1.3k) and Dog Training Sthrn (\$6k) were unfavourable to budget.

Actual Year to Date Operating Revenue favourable compared to budget by \$234.9k.

Operations with Actual Revenues greater than Budget Revenue Year to date are:-

Dogs NZ head office \$89k, AEC \$34.8k, Dunedin \$5.2k, Gazette \$54.7k, NDS \$8.4k, NDOA \$4.8k, Agility \$6.4k, NZDAC \$15.5k YDT/S \$11k CGC \$0.5k & Dog Training (3 regions combined) \$4.5k.

Actual Year to Date Operating Expenditure *Unfavourable* compared to budget by (\$54k)

Operations favourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD

Dunedin \$16.8k, NDS \$8.5k, FCI \$6.8k Agility \$12.3k and JDS \$7.2k.

Dogs NZ head office (\$16.4k), AEC (\$14.6k), Gazette (\$39.2k), NDOA (\$1.3k), JDT (\$4.6k) and Dog Training (all regions) (\$7.2k) all have ytd expenditure that exceeds budget.

Balance Sheet STRONG - Cash and Property rich

Total cash to end of December \$8.095m, down \$34.1k since end of last financial year (March 2022).

Summary of Group Financial Results: – Operating Income minus Operating Expenditure

Monthly Operating Results:- Deficit unfavourable compared to Budget and Last Year's Actual surplus.

December Month:- Income less Expenditure				
Actual	Budget	Last Year		
(\$53,677)	(\$27,342)	\$28,551		
Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation			Full Year 2022-2023	
This Year	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Forecast
\$170,418	(\$10,548)	\$93,541	\$3,301	\$184,167

<u>Year to Date Operating Result adjusted by UNREALISED Midyear Market to Market Valuation of Investment Portfolio and Depreciation</u>				
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure, Unrealised midyear market to market Investment Gain/(Loss) and Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2022-2023</u>	
<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
(\$88,621)	(\$56,559)		(\$58,146)	(\$90,208)

Actual YTD Operating results:-

- Favourable compared to Budget By: \$180,053
- Favourable compared to Last Year Actual By: \$76,877

Registry Activity

The table clearly reflects Registry numbers are down on last year but revenue is ahead.

	<u>Analysis YTD DECEMBER 2022</u>					
	<u>Number</u>			<u>Income</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Litter Notification	1,339	1,339	0%	51,966	47,251	10%
Registrations	6,952	7,061	-2%	208,260	186,012	12%
Transfers	5,229	5,513	-5%	98,515	92,581	6%
Imports	226	235	-4%	21,667	21,660	0%
Exports	254	194	31%	24,859	16,969	46%
Overall Total	<u>14,000</u>	<u>14,342</u>	-2%	<u>405,267</u>	<u>364,473</u>	11%

Detailed Operating Analysis

Dogs NZ (NZKC):- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$72.6k

Income \$89k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$16.4k) UNFAVOURABLE to budget YTD.

CGC:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$2.8).

This represents purchases and manual reprints which should be recovered during future years

AEC:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$20.2k

Income \$34.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$14.6k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Dunedin:- :- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$22k.

Income \$5.2k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$16.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Gazette:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$15.6k

Income \$54.7k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$39.2k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

NDS FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$16.9k.

Overall surplus

FCI FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$6.9k.

Overall surplus

NDOA FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$3.6k.

Overall breakeven

NZDAC UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$3.5k).

Overall deficit

Agility:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$18.7k

Income \$6.4k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$12.3k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

YDT:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$6k.

YDS:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$7.6k.

Dog Training (all regions):-

Dog Training Northern Region:- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$1.4k.

Income \$3.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$2.4k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Dog Training Central Region:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$1k)

Income (\$1.9k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$0.9k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Dog Training Southern Region:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$3.1k).

Income \$2.6k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$5.7k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Non Operational Adjustment

The December Financial Statements include the mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments as at 30 September 2022. The adjustment includes both UNREALISED gains and losses. These adjustments are shown in aggregate after the year to date Operating Surplus and after depreciation. Unrealised Gains or losses are non-operational hence the reason this figure appears after The Operational Surplus/ (Loss) and Depreciation. It allows meaningful analysis of how the organisation is performing operationally.

It is important to understand unrealised gains or losses only become actual if the investments are liquidated.

Much the same as unrealised gains or losses on people's homes only become actual if one sells.

The net movement of the unrealised gains and losses arising from mid-year Market to Market valuation of the Forsyth Barr Investments resulted in an unrealised loss of \$212.1k.

The investment markets continue to display high volatility and the roller coaster ride continues.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

- Cash balances **DECREASED (\$34.1k)** since 31 March 2022.
- Debtors \$66.7k less than at the end of last financial year. There is \$0.9K in the 3 month overdue category and \$3.6k in the Four month and older balances.
- Prepayments \$23.4k (expenses paid in advance)- \$2.2k greater than end of last financial year. This is comprised of Sybiz (financial computer system) licence fees for 22/23 years \$1.6k, Annual Insurance Premiums \$20.9k and a 2talk deposit of \$0.3k.
- Non-Current Assets reduced by \$33.8k from the balance at 31 March 2022. This is the net movement resulting from the current year depreciation charges in the Fixed Asset register and purchases of a computer \$2.3k and ride on mower for AEC.
- Accrued Staff Benefits \$68k represents the annual leave owing to staff. This has increased \$25.9k since 31 March 2022.
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$106.3k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$86.3k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$20k
 The main items comprising the Receipts in Advance total are:-
 Purina Sponsorship \$20k to be released into accounts this financial year.
 Dog Training Regions NDOA monies \$35.1k - \$0.7k Nthn, \$24.8k Centrl, \$9.6k Sthn to be held until their next respective NDOA event.
 Bequest received by AEC \$22.4k – planned to be used for unbudgeted expenditure.
 JDT Annual Camp 2023 \$11.8k
 National Dog Training \$12k

The Treasurer also presented the preliminary accounts for January 2023 which are currently being reviewed by RAF Committee. The January accounts show a surplus for the month of \$54.3k and YTD operating surplus of \$172.6k before unrealised investment loss.

Moved: CM ; Seconded: FH –; Report Received

RISK, AUDIT, & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Chair John Green

FOR INFORMATION

The RAF Committee convened 25 January 2023 to review the November & December financial report and progress with the due diligence on the possible purchase of the National Office premises.

1. Financial Performance

The financial statements to December have been reviewed along with the Treasurer's commentary which has since been received. As previously, this provides a good insight into variances including those arising from timing or the accounting treatment of property items.

The RAF Committee are satisfied with the quality of the information received and the explanations provided and note the following:

- i. Of the key items that determine the organisation's financial performance, the majority i.e. Membership, Registrations, Show Levies, and AEC are all on track
- ii. The Gazette (Dogworld) has been doing extremely well with income however the significant rise in both production and distribution costs is a concern which we understand is a focus for Executive Council and we believe will need to be addressed in the current financial year with a new strategy.
- iii. Executive Council costs are well ahead of budget however as previously explained, reducing concerns with Covid have enabled the resumption on in-person meetings.
- iv. The shortfall in Investment income separate to the unrealised Gains & Losses in the Investment Portfolio is impacting on monthly performance.

2. Notifiable and/or Material Transactions

The Committee did not identify any notifiable or material transactions to review.

3. Proposal to purchase National Office

RAF continues to be involved in the Due Diligence process and will provide a separate report following the scheduled review of the follow up actions requested by Executive Council following discussion at the November EC meeting.

4. Future Work

The National Office proposal is currently job 1 after which we will make a start on our future work programme:

- i. Review of Risk Register when this comes to hand
- ii. Developing Dashboard reporting for visualising key numbers & ratios to track trends and effectiveness of strategy
- iii. Review of DNZ Financial Policies within the current fiscal year.

The report was discussed with particular focus on the increase in print/distribution costs of NZ Dog World. National Office to look at alternative printing options and to undertake strategic review of magazine for April E.C. meeting.

Executive Council meeting budget was also discussed and full expected costs are included in the new FY budget which accounts for a E.C. zoom meeting in July.

Report Received: CR; Seconded: FH

FY 2023-2024 BUDGET UPDATE & APPROVAL PROCESS

ST and CP briefed Executive Council on the progress of the draft budget which is currently being reviewed by RAF Committee. The National Office would like the budget to be approved before the beginning of the financial year and have requested that E.C. consider a zoom meeting during the week 27-31 March to approve the budget.

Report Received:

CAPEX RECOMMENDATION REPORT RE: PURCHASE OF TOTTENHAM HOUSE UNIT 6 TITLES

Report provided by Steve Tate Chair CAPEX and Steven Thompson Director Secretary.

Executive discussed the recommendation report and the attached report from RAF committee. BH briefed E.C. on the meeting with the Landlord and the purchase price offer as per our lease agreement.

Two motions to make an offer for the purchase of the Unit 6 Tiles of Tottenham House (National Office Building) were voting on and both motions were defeated.

MH recommended that Dogs NZ continue to investigate options for owning a future building to house our National Office

LOWER NORTH ISLAND VENUE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Report from Lisa Slade (Chair of LNI Venue Working Group) and Steven Thompson (Director Secretary)

1. Project Guidelines

To progress a timely decision on future investment in providing an indoor dog venue in the lower North Island the LNI Venue Working group has been asked to prepare the following project proposals for consideration:

- Land lease + indoor venue development on the Foxton Racecourse site
- Land Lease + indoor venue development for the Ashhurst Domain site
- Manfield Use of Facility agreement + onsite development

The Working Group has been provided with an updated Guidelines for LNI Venue Project Proposals and the LNI Club Survey results to assist with the project proposals.

2. Key Timelines

The following timeline is aimed at allowing Executive Council to make a decision on if they wish to adopt one of the proposals at the April 29/30 Council meeting.

- Each proposal are to be submitted to the Chair of the Working Group by 31 March.
- The Chair, after reviewing the proposals will then forward them for review by the CAPEX/RAF Committee by 6 April.
- CAPEX/RAF provide a recommendation report to E.C. by 17 April.
- E.C. makes a decision if they wish to proceed with a preferred proposal during 29/30 April meeting.

3. Membership Communication Plan

The LNI Venue Working Group believe that communication with members on the challenges and options faced with providing an indoor venue in the Lower North Island is important so they understand why the Working Group has submitted the above venue projects and the decision making frame work that Executive Council will use to make any investment decision.

We propose the following articles in NZ Dog World and circulated where appropriate in Dog iE News:

1. *March / April NZ Dog World Article:*

- Reminder background on establishment of Working Group and approval process.
- Summary of type of development projects and potential effects on Dogs NZ of each option (use E.C. Sept 022 Discussion paper).
- Club Survey Results
- E.C. guidance on 3 key project proposals
- Insert piece by Paul Robinson on history of Ardmore Exhibition Centre development which reminds members that these developments do not happen overnight and take considerable member volunteer activity.
- Overview of the three proposals
- Why no Green Field option?
- Key considerations for E.C. decision making process

2. *May Member Comms:*

- Dog iE News announcement of E.C. decision on future LNI Venue

3. *June NZ Dog World Article:*

- In-depth analysis of the preferred option
- Why E.C. choose that option
- What happens next – key project timelines

Executive Council discuss the report and the importance of communication to members. GC asked if the Working Group had considered a 15ha green field block at Muhunua East Rd, Ohau. ST to discuss with Chair of Working Group.

Report Received

3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REVISED PROTOCOLS

Executive Council discussed the revised protocols presented by FH. A number of small proofing changes were recommended as well as an expanded section on election protocols.

MOTION:

Approved with amendments to be made by FH.

Moved: STT; Seconded: JB; - Carried

DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN FY 2023-2024

ST presented the draft FY 2023-24 Business Plan which was discussed. The business plan is linked to the Dogs NZ 10 Year Strategy and details the key partnership and investment projects that the organisation wants to achieve in the next 12 months.

Executive Council recommended that the proposed Show Steward programme be expanded to include training Show Managers and involve the NZDJA in the program. Current training material is to be sent to FH & JB for review. ST to work with LD to finalise CH&W section of Business Plan.

Report Received:

NDS 2023 REPORT & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Verbal and written report presented by Stephen Meredith and Jill Brooker which detailed:

- Composition of NDS Committee (11 members)
- NDS Show Programme
- Judges Schedule
- Draft Budget
- Venue setup map

SM detailed a number of support activities that they would like support from the National Office. ST to coordinate support with NDS Committee, including potential sponsor support. SM also asked for \$6k support for venue electrical upgrades which will be included in CAPEX Committee discussions with Ardmore Management.

Report Received

2023 FCI SHOW (VERBAL)

BH briefed Executive Council on the judge's line up for the August show. General discussion regarding neuters for Obedience and Agility. JB discussed replacing the grading card with a prize ribbon for excellence. National Office to provide Steward Sheets to April show committee.

Report Received

4. REGULATIONS

Recommended Changes to the Breeders Code of Conduct: Registry Regulation 19

Changes in **red** recommended by CH&W Committee.

19. BREEDERS CODE OF CONDUCT

19.1 I will practise and promote responsible dog ownership ensuring that dog welfare is a priority at all times. This will be demonstrated by the following. My dogs will be:

- appropriately housed, fed, exercised, socialised and have received regular veterinary attention
- appropriately controlled to avoid them becoming a public nuisance.
- properly identified (including micro-chipping and registration)
- cleaned up after in public places
- compliant with all legislation and by-laws governing dogs and

the sale of dogs.

They will never be:

- offered directly or indirectly as prizes or donations in a competition by myself or any person I can influence.

19.2. I will **practise** responsible breeding by always:

- ensuring that the welfare of my sires, dams and puppies is a priority at all times
- closely complying with the Animal Welfare Act in relation to breeding and sale of puppies/dogs
- fully informing new owners of my dogs and puppies about:
 - how a dog should be cared for
 - diseases that dogs may be prone to (including measures to take to ensure good health where appropriate)
 - how to socialise young dogs, and
 - a dietary regime to be followed.

In particular, this will include frank disclosure of any health issues that are recognised in the breed, how to identify symptoms and mitigation measures available.

- observing best practice in relation to commercial transactions, protecting all parties and ultimately the dogs involved
- being in control of the entire sale process for which I am accountable
- providing new owners with all the appropriate Dogs New Zealand paperwork for sold, **gifted or exchanged** dogs, **within two weeks** and in line with sale agreements at no extra cost.

19.3. I will observe the following specific practices...

I will not transfer from my care any puppy under the age of eight calendar weeks. Three days leeway is provided for collection. An exemption for a period greater than three days must be applied for and approved in advance by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee.

- I will research health issues to which my breed/s may be prone and will take all reasonable steps to eliminate or minimise those issues. These steps will always include giving serious consideration to mating's I arrange, maintaining careful observations of the health of my stock and may include any of the veterinary checks available. Any test results will be made available to purchasers.
- I will not mate any bitch at less than 12 months of age.
- I will not breed from a bitch aged eight years and over at whelping. **Dispensation must be applied for and approved by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee prior to the date of mating. This process may entail obtaining a veterinary report.**
- I will not breed more than two litters from the same bitch within 18 months. **Dispensation must be applied for and approved by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee prior to the date of mating. This process may entail obtaining a veterinary report.** A 12 month "rest" period **must** follow the 3rd litter.
- I will not breed more than four litters from the same bitch. **Dispensation must be applied for and approved by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee prior to the date of mating. This process may entail obtaining a veterinary report.**
- I will not mate a dog and a bitch that are close relatives (defined as father/daughter, mother/son or brother/ sister, i.e. same sire and dam, not necessarily same litter). Exemptions for numerically small breeds must be applied for and approved in advance by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee.
- I will not mate a bitch in cases where she has previously had three (3) caesarean sections.
- I will not use co-owned dogs, bitches or semen in my breeding without the knowledge and written consent of all owners and co-owners with an interest in the dogs, bitches or semen involved.
- If I wish to enter into a joint ownership arrangement with a **new owner** or to arrange access to the puppy for breeding or showing purposes once it is **transferred/sold**, I will fully explain the implications to the intending **new owner** and will encourage **them** to seek independent advice before committing to the **transfer/sale**. Before finalising the **transfer/sale** I will provide full documentation setting out the nature and terms of the arrangement. **Further to the completion of DogsNZ paperwork within the required 2-weeks of sale/transfer** I will allow a 90- day 'cooling down' period after the date of the **transfer/sale** during which time the **new owner** may withdraw from the **arrangement** and return the puppy at their own expense **and transfer DNZ registration back** upon which I will fully refund the cost of the puppy.
- Where the **new owner** of a pup advises me of a health or behavioural issue with the pup that has arisen within nine months of the **transfer/sale** or advises me at any time of an issue that may be due to a hereditary factor, I will at all times maintain cordial and helpful relations with the **new owner**. I will try to negotiate a mutually acceptable resolution with the **new owner**. In the event that the **new owner** and I cannot agree on any matter it may be referred to the Dogs NZ Director Secretary for consideration of mediation or a recommendation for referral to an appropriate civil authority.
- Any member has a right of review (Registration Regulation 4.4) by the Executive Council of any administrative decision made either pursuant to the Registration Regulations or any policy directive or discretionary power given to the administration pursuant to the regulations.

19.4 Penalties and Conditions

Penalties and conditions will apply to any breach of a Breeders Code of Conduct practice as set out above.

MOTION:

Approval of changes to Breeders Code of Conduct: Registry Regulation 19.

Moved: SM; Seconded: STT; - Carried

LITTER REGISTRATION LIMITATION VOTES FOR RATIFICATION AND INCLUSION IN REGISTRY REGULATIONS

The Bernese Mountain Dog LRL survey was sent to all financial members who own a Bernese Mountain Dog, on the 1st of December 2022 and closed two weeks later on the 15th of December.

- 37 responses were received
- 37 responses qualified
- 75% participant agreement required to implement LRL
- Qualifying LRLs to be implemented July 1st 2023.

For all qualifying participants, the results are as follows:

4. Do you agree with minimum health standards and the introduction of Litter Registration Limitation (LRLs) for Bernese Mountain Dogs?

- 37 answers
- 28 yes

75.86% in agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

24.8 Bernese Mountain Dogs

For all Bernese Mountain Dog litters born after July 1st, 2023, as a pre-requisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs NZ Register I or III, the following shall apply:

2. Do you agree: "The Sire AND Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen collected prior to January, 1st 2022 will be excluded."

- 37 answers
- 28 yes

75.86% in agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

24.8.1 The Sire and Dam of every litter must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) provided, including where frozen semen is used, from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Frozen semen collected prior to 1 January 2022 is excluded.

3. Do you agree: “The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for hip dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1st, 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.”

- 37 answers
- 28 yes

75.86% in agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

24.8.2 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ-approved scheme for hip dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1st, 2014, may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.

4. Do you agree: “The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ approved scheme for elbow dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1st, 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.”

- 37 answers
- 28 yes

75.86% in agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

24.8.3 The Sire AND Dam of every litter must be radiographed and assessed by a Dogs NZ-approved scheme for elbow dysplasia and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before January 1st, 2014, may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations may be requested.

MOTION:

Ratification of Litter Registration Limitation Regulation 24.8 for inclusion in Registry Regulations

Moved: FH; Seconded: GC; - Carried

AMENDMENT TO SHOW REGULATION 22.9

Proposed Show Regulation Change report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager)

Rationale:

Currently Show Regulation 22.9 requires all original 8 challenge certificates to be posted to Dogs NZ before a dog can be awarded a Championship title.

Unfortunately from time to time these are lost in transit and, at the moment, delivery times to receive the challenges can take up to 2 weeks.

These regulations would also date from many years ago when electronic means would not have been available. Today it should be possible to scan the 8 challenge certificates or to take a clear photo and email together with an application form. Of course, originals can still be posted.

Recommended changes in red

22.9 After a dog has been awarded eight Challenge Points under at least five different Judges, application for Championship status may be made to the Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club provided the original **or scanned copies of the** Challenge Certificates supporting the application are **emailed or** forwarded with the application for Championship status

MOTION:

Approved, The national Office is still required to do the checks against the Show Catalogue.

Moved: JB; Seconded; CR - Carried

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AGILITY REGULATIONS CHANGES – FEBRUARY 2023

Proposed Agility Regulations to be active July 1 2023.

Proposed changes in red

Rationale: Corrected wording.

8.1.5. Agility Awards

The following awards can be conferred on dogs for Agility:

8.1.5.1. Agility Dog (AD)

To qualify AD dogs must obtain two Clear Rounds on official AD nominated Novice courses.

OR: Graduate from Starters/Novice to Novice/Intermediate.

8.1.5.2. Agility Dog Excellent (ADX)

To qualify ADX dogs must obtain four clear rounds on official AD nominated **Intermediate Novice** courses.

OR: Graduate from Novice/Intermediate to Intermediate/Senior.

Agility Dog Excellent (ADX)

There are three levels of ADX. In ascending order, they are:

ADX Bronze (ADXB)

Rationale: By splitting the first sentence of paragraph b) into two separate sentences, it adds clarity.

11.1.2 Standard Classes

At every Championship Event all standard ~~classes applicable~~ classes applicable to that type of fixture must be offered. In addition, clubs may offer other approved classes as laid down in these regulations. Where more than one Championship Event is being held on one day or on consecutive days for every top-level class offering challenge certificates one or more of each of the other standard classes must be held. A club may offer one or more Games classes at a fixture. It is optional for clubs to run Elementary classes at Championship Events.

11.1.2.1 Standard Classes Split by Height groups.

At every ~~Championship Agility and Jumpers~~ Event an individual Standard Class must be split when, at the date for closing of entries, entry numbers ~~in each height group in that class reach 15 or more are such that one of the combinations below is possible. There is a maximum of four possible separate height groups being: 240, 300's (incorporating 320 and 380), 500, 600.~~

There are five types of competition:

- Unsplit competitions where ~~(as a minimum) at least one~~ no single height group combination of either the 600, 500 or the Small group have failed to has reached 15 dogs or more.
- Two Way (Variable) Split competition where the largest group of dogs (either smalls (240s, 320's, 380s combined), 500s or 600s) containing 15 or more dogs will form a group, ~~and the~~ remaining groups combine to form a second group containing 15 dogs or ~~more~~ less. In the event where the variable split results in a tie for which height the ~~Smalls~~ would combine with, they are to be combined with the 600s, not the 500s. (Refer to the table below)
- Three Way Split competition where a 600, a 500 and a Small (240s, 320s, 380s) group is formed of 15 or more in each height group.
- Four Way Split competition where a 600, a 500, a 300's (320s, 380s) and a 240 group of 15 or more are formed in each height group.
- Five Way Split competition where a 600, a 500, a 380, a 320 and a 240 group of 15 or more are formed in each height group.

Rationale: to show more examples of 2-way splits when a combination of 500s and 600s is possible.

Examples of how splits would occur with various different numbers in a class.

Number of dogs in each height					Type of split possible	Height groups formed				
240	320	380	500	600		Smalls	500s	600s		
5	6	5	30	26	3-Way	Smalls	500s	600s		
5	2	5	25	10	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 600s		500s		
3	2	5	10	15	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 500s		600s		
2	3	5	18	18	Variable 2-Way	Smalls + 600s		500s		
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Variable 2-Way</u>	<u>500s + 600s</u>		<u>Smalls</u>		
5	5	2	5	5	No Split	All Compete together				
16	8	7	29	18	4-Way	240s	300s	500s	600s	
15	16	15	52	30	5-Way	240s	320s	380s	500s	600s

Rationale: to gather information from the scribe as to how they interacted with the person undertaking a probationary.

7.8.7.4 The officiating judge must send a report for every probationary class completed to the NZKC Agility Committee within 7 days of completion of the probationary appointment.

7.8.7.4.1 A report from the scribe outlining their interactions with the judge should be submitted along with the report from the overseeing judge.

Rationale: This will prevent dogs that are Jumpers Ch/GrCh still competing in Games C. First bullet point changed to include all games as qualifying not just gamblers and snooker.

16.4 Graduation in Games Classes

Wins and points will count for graduation purposes only if a Qualifying Certificate was also awarded. Once a dog has met the criteria for graduation from a grade, it will then be considered to have advanced out of that grade for ALL Games classes.

16.4.1 Graduation from Grade C

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade B classes when it has achieved one of the following:

- 3 wins (or 2 wins and 1 point, or 1 win and 6 points) in Grade C Games classes. They must gain at least 1 qualifying certificate in at two (2) different Standard Games Classes each of Gamblers and Snooker, or
- gained an award or title at Senior agility, or
- gained an award or title at Jumpers A, or
- gained 25 qualifying certificates (GD title). Graduation is optional in this case.

16.4.2 Graduation from Grade B

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade A classes when it has achieved one of the

Rationale: Added missing games from the list of standard games.

16 GAMES GRADES AND GRADUATION

16.1 Standard Games Classes

Standard Games classes are: Gamblers, Snooker, Jumpers Pairs, Strategic Pairs and Blackjack. A Club may offer one or more Games classes at a fixture. Standard games classes will be offered in three grades – C, B and A, with A being the highest grade.

Rationale: tunnels were missing from the equipment list.

17.5.2. Obstacles used in Strategic Pairs.

Obstacle	Approved for grade
Hurdles	All Grades
Spread Jump	Grade B and Grade A only
Long Jump	All Grades
Brush Jump	All Grades
Dog Walk	All Grades
A-Frame	All Grades
See-saw	Grade B and Grade A only
Tyre/Hoop	All Grades
Weave Poles	All Grades
<u>Tunnels</u>	<u>All Grades</u>

The MAXIMUM number of contact obstacles to be used is: - one (1) for Grade C, two (2) for Grade

Rationale: To match the same wording as Dog Walk.

13.7.1 A-frame

The dog must ascend the ramp in the direction designated by the judge, cross the apex, and descend the other ramp, touching any portion of the contact point with any part of its body before dismounting the obstacle. The performance of the obstacle will be considered completed when all four paws touch the ground. A refusal must be corrected before continuing or the dog will be disqualified

Faults

- Missing the up contact shall not be faulted.
- If the dog does not touch the down contact point with any part of its body, a missed contact fault will be incurred.
- Once a dog touches the down ramp with any part of its body, if he leaves the ramp before touching the contact point, he will be assessed a missed contact fault, *not* a refusal.

Refusals

- Leaving the obstacle prior to touching beginning descent of the down ramp with any portion of the dog's body shall constitutes a refusal.

Rationale: This was missing from the Dog walk

13.7.2 Dog Walk

The dog must ascend the ramp in the direction designated by the judge, cross the horizontal middle ramp, and descend the other ramp, touch any portion of the contact point with any part of its body, before leaving the obstacle. The performance of the obstacle will be considered complete when all four paws touch the ground. A refusal must be corrected before continuing or the dog will be disqualified

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Refusals

- Leaving the obstacle prior to touching the down ramp with any portion of the dog's body constitutes a refusal.

Rationale: this is a fault not a refusal, was in the wrong list

13.7.5 Jumps

The dog must jump over the top rail of the jump in the direction designated by the judge, cross between the jump's two side wings/uprights without displacing any rail.

Faults

- Jumping over the jump wings/uprights will constitute a fault
- Displacing any rail will incur a fault
- Jumping between rails will constitute a fault

Refusals

- Running under the rail with no attempt to jump will constitute a refusal
- ~~Jumping between rails will constitute a fault~~
- If the dog knocks over any part of the jump while in the process of refusing the obstacle, the handler must direct the dog through the wings or uprights in the correct direction before proceeding to the next obstacle to avoid a wrong course penalty. In this case both a fault and a refusal will be given.

Rationale: contradictory statement to 13.7.7 which says the elements must not fall over.

13.7.7 Long Jump and Bi Directional Long Jump

The dog must jump over the elements of the long jump in one jumping effort without any of the elements falling over. The dog must cross between the front marker poles in a forward direction from the lowest element, clear the span of the elements, and exit between the back-marker poles.

Faults

- ~~The dog will incur a fault if it fails to clear the length of the obstacle and jumps or steps on or between elements. Stepping on in-between elements means that the bottom of the dog's foot is placed on the equipment or on the ground and is weight-bearing.~~
- ~~The dog will incur a fault if any element is displaced while attempting the obstacle.~~
- Incidental contact with ~~an element or~~ a marker pole by a dog, or a marker pole being knocked over by a dog (even if it causes an element to fall) will not be faulted.
- If the dog begins the jump between the front marker poles, but then exits the side of the jump, this will incur a fault.

Rationale: To remove the reference to specific regulation numbers.

13.7.9 Weaving Poles

The dog must weave through the entire line of poles in a continuous *forward* motion, which begins by passing between poles #1 and #2 from right to left. The dog must then pass between poles #2 and #3 from left to right and continue this weaving pattern until it passes between the last two poles.

- ~~13.7.49.1~~ In Elementary A, Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes a maximum of one fault may be awarded. ~~under Agility Regulation~~
- ~~13.7.49.2~~ In Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes up to three refusals may be awarded ~~resulting in mandatory disqualification under Agility Regulation 13.7.3 (thereby incurring disqualification in terms of Agility Regulation 13.7.3).~~
- ~~13.7.49.3~~ In Games classes, scoring of the weaving poles may vary depending on the nature of the game and the scoring basis must be outlined within the rules of each Games class.

Rationale: To remove the reference to specific regulation numbers.

13.6.3 Mandatory Disqualification

~~13.6.3.1~~ Dogs disqualified under this section may continue to complete the course (unless the Show Manager has indicated that the show is not allowing this)

- Taking an obstacle in the incorrect sequence.
- Taking the correct obstacle from the wrong direction. (includes back-weaving as defined in 13.8.10)
 - Three refusals during a round.
 - Running out of the ring out of control of the handler.
 - If the dog commences it run from outside the roped ring area.
 - Failure to complete correct negotiation of the weaving poles ~~in terms of Agility Regulation 13.8.10 as per obstacle performance standards for Weaving Poles,~~ either (a) before negotiating the next obstacle, or (b) where the weaving poles are the final obstacle, completing the course by breaking the finish beam of the electronic timer, or crossing the finish line if manual timing is being utilised.
 - Where a dog has only been able to complete an obstacle due to the physical assistance of the handler, the dog shall be disqualified. "Physical assistance" shall mean touching or holding the dog ~~so as to~~ guide or control it through or over an obstacle, where the dog would (in the opinion of the judge) have been unable to complete the obstacle otherwise.
 - Starting a run before the judge has indicated.
 - Competing against regulation 6.13.

MOTION:

Approval of Agility Regulation changes to take affect from 1 July 2023.

Moved: CR; Seconded: JB; - Carried

CR requested ratification of wording changes to the 1st January 2023 Regulations previously approved by Executive Council. This was declined. BH proposed that an updated version of the regulations with the rationale will be sent to the E.C for an email vote.

PROPOSED REGISTRY RESTRUCTURE

Report presented by Sue Connor (IT-Projects Manger) and Steven Thompson (Director Secretary)

Executive Council discussed the recommendation report to restructure the registry into two parts, Part I, Pedigree Dog registry, Part II Non-Pedigree dog registry and remove Part III The Restricted Registry. JB said that any change needed to include a lifetime “Not to be Breed from” endorsements that only can be removed by Breeders. ST to come back to April meeting with revised proposal including changes to Registry Regulation 12 that provides Breeders with a life time Not to be Breed from endorsement.

REPORT RECIEVED

REQUESTING “NOT TO BE BRED” ENDORSEMENT TO BE LIFTED

Executive Council discussed the request to lift the “Not to be breed from” endorsement from a dog and requested that the Director Secretary contact the breeder for a signed copy of the contract and the key reason why the breeder believes the endorsement should not be lifted.

5	COMPLAINTS/DISPUTES
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SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES REPORT

Report from Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

MOTION:

E.C. approved the suspension of one kennel names for the failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1.

Moved: STT; Seconded: CM; - carried

COMPLAINTS & DISPUTES REPORT

Report from Steven Thompson Director Secretary

Executive Council discussed a recommendation from the Judicial Review Committee and passed a motion to hold a dispute hearing at the Executive Council meeting in April.

Director Secretary to write to both parties of the decision to hold a judicial review hearing at the April Council meeting.

Report Received

BREEDERS' CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES

Report by Rhea Hurley CH&W Officer

Service Date	Breach detected	Breach	Fine	Date Paid
26/01/22	09/01/23	The dam was under 12 months at service date – the minimum is 12 months and no dispensation exists	\$1000	
	09/01/23	The dam has had 4 litters - the maximum is 4 and no dispensation exists	\$2000	Paid 7/2/23
	24/01/23	The dam was under 12 months at service date – the minimum is 12 months and no dispensation exists	\$1000	Payment Plan in place Paid \$250
	01/02/23	The dam has had 4 litters - the maximum is 4 and no dispensation exists	\$1000	

Report Received

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OFFICE REPORTS

DIRECTOR SECRETARY FEBRUARY 2023 REPORT (INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION)

Report presented by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – FY 2022-23

The Dogs NZ Strategic Plan focuses on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporated into our annual business plans and this report will focus on what initiatives we have underway to achieve our 10 year goals.

Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs

Resolution of Lower North Island Indoor Venue Issue

This is the most important membership/club issue to be resolved in the next 12 months as it will provide an indoor venue option for Club shows in the region and free the Dogs NZ balance sheet for further investment in our sports and activities.

As detailed in the LNI Working Group report three venue proposals will be presented to E.C. for consideration at the April Council meeting,

PD Insurance Launch

After a successful launch across all our communication channels, focus is now on establishing a Steering Committee to start work on the key joint projects which initially will be a re-design of Dog iE news and the launch of co-branded pet insurance products for breeders and members.

Show Steward Training Programme

I was approached by member Ann Deery to support a clubs steward training course in Dunedin in which she uses Bernard Fears training notes. The course was well received and other South Island clubs have expressed interest in training seminars.

I would like to resource this programme and expand it nationwide as well as develop a FCI Steward Training module. Training material can be hosted on the Club Tool Kit site.

Launch of Club Tool Kit & Take the Lead Programme

This project was launched in December and we are fine turning the Poster Artwork section to allow Clubs to use their own logos. We will continue to promote the Club Tool Kit & *Take the Lead* programme in multi-page spreads in NZ Dog World.

Strategic Priority: Registry Development

Increasing Internal IT Capability

I have become increasingly frustrated at the slow pace of our IT/Registry development work. It is over two years since we started work on the automation of the registry system and we are still not in a position to “turn-off” the old system. If we want to be in a position to bid to run any future national dog or breeding registry then we need to increase our capacity in this area. We also need to have the IT capacity to keep pace with our partners PD & Purina who wish to cooperate on a number of registry / membership projects.

A proposal to establish an internal IT Full Time position will be presented to Staffing Committee. In the interim we will increase Mark Signals contractor hours by 60% to ensure that we make suitable progress.

We will also be sourcing a new contractor to look after our office PC Network needs so Mark can be freed to focus solely on Registry / Membership development work.

As we have two new E.C. members with IT Industry backgrounds it would be useful to revitalise the IT Subcommittee to assist us in the development of our IT capability.

IT Scope of Work: Jan – July 2023

- Complete remaining Registry system upgrades (awards rebuild etc)so we can unplug the old interface system
- Membership/judges automation & incorporation of Scent Work / CGC membership systems
- Development of automated new member & kennel name edm in partnership with Purina & PD Insurance
- Move redesigned Dog-iE news onto Mail-Chimp platform using membership CSV – XL files for send.

2nd Half of the Year (July onwards)

- Internal IT appointment (Mark Signal retained for handover / backup – 10 hours per week)
- Show programme development (or intergration of new AU programme)
- Website re-development (In partnership with PD/Purina)

Show Programme Decision

We need to make a decision on our Show Programme future (retain & upgrade our existing programme or adopt an “off the shelf” module from Australia) and Sue Connor, Chris Richards and I will present a proposal paper to the April E.C. meeting after we complete a further round of discussions with potential Australian Show programmes on registry integration and financial models.

Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training Programmes*Proposal to Dog Training Committee*

I have meet with the Dog Training Committee and outlined the following project initiatives to expand our Dog Training capability, better support of NZDTA and building a dog training database that we can use to promote Dogs NZ programmes & partners to general dog owners.:

Stage One (Support the Clubs):

- Resource Train the Trainers programme & link with CANZ certification.
- Provide Clubs with training kits (jackets & caps).
- Sponsor support/visibility at NZDTC in Levin.

Stage Two: (Build a dog training database for Dogs NZ and our partners)

- Graduation packs for dog owners attending CGB/CGC
- EDM promotional programme to database from participating clubs.

The Dog Training Committee are supportive off this programme which we are building into our business plan, budgets and Purina programme.

Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health*Canine Health & Welfare & Registry Issues*

We are facing increasing issues with breeders selective compliance with our Registry Regulation especially Regulation 8.1.1 (which requires notification of **all** litters whelped **after mating's of dogs registered** with NZKC) and Regulation 15.1.1 (transfer of all dogs sold, exchanged or gifted).

We have a number of Kennel Names who are running two tiered operations using bitches to breed both pedigree litters and cross breed litters. While we have visibility on the number of pedigree litters per bitch we have no idea on the number of non-pedigree mattings (even when the sire is a NZKC registered dog) because Breeders are ignoring the requirement to use Part II of the Registry for non-pedigree dogs. This means that enforcement of BCOC Rule 19.3 (only 4-6 litters per bitch) is difficult to monitor.

The National Office view is that the proposed CH&W Rule 31 Remit does not go far enough in that it maintains the current Part I/II/III Registry. In our view we need to remove Part III of the Registry and focus on a Registry of Pedigree Dogs – Part 1 (which may have pedigree dogs with any number of endorsements) and a Registry of Non-Pedigree dogs – Part II (who may be involved in dog sports. dog training e.g. CGC etc, or are the result of cross-breed mating's of NZKC registered dogs).

The time to have this discussion about the reorganisation of our Registry is now as we complete our automation work and dis-establish the old Registry interface.

Executive Council discussed the report and a decision regarding the future of the Show Programme will be made at the April E.C meeting.

Report Received: Chair; - Carried

MEMBERSHIP & CLUBS REPORT

Report from Colleen Begg, Membership Officer.

Outstanding Accounts

The following club has not paid their annual subscription.

The Pomeranian Club

Secretary of The Pomeranian Club has advised that the club's committee are arranging a Special General Meeting to discuss the club becoming recognised instead of associated as currently. They advise that most of the committee are non-members and most puppy sales are to pet owners.

South Rangitikei Dog Training Club

Letter received from the secretary of the club advising that as from 15 December 2022 the club wishes to withdraw their membership from Dogs NZ.

This club is an associated obedience and agility club.

Executive Council discussed then status of the South Rangitikei Dog Training Club. GC stated that people are trying to restart the club, and wanted the decision to be on hold until discussions take place with the club. The club is still on the Agility register, and this is to be removed as the club does not meet the criteria.

Tokoroa Canine Association – Application Not to Hold Open Show in 2023

Application received from Tokoroa Canine Association NOT to hold an open show in 2023. They advise the following -

“We have held one Open Show this year in conjunction with Kumeu Kennel Assn mid-year on 21 May 202.

We now have a contract with Taupo Dog Training Club, to hold our shows on their grounds at Centennial Drive Taupo, this contract takes us through 2023, 2024, 2025, this giving Tokoroa CA a Waikato home ground as close to Tokoroa as practical enabling us to keep our club local. Looking at the Show date Calendar for

2023 to hold two Open shows together, we would have to hold our shows outside in the winter months which is not really suitable to attract entries. We then looked at maybe holding them at Auckland Exhibition Centre as indoor shows. However the only weekends which would be suitable were the 29th /30th April but unfortunately some of our small committee members are not available as they are overseas. The second choice is 19th/ 20th August but trying to hold standalone open shows at Ardmore with the associated cost of Ardmore, our committee felt would be a loss making exercise and not viable.

So, to find a solution, if possible, the committees proposal is would we be allowed to hold our 2023 Open Show at our Taupo grounds in conjunction with our upcoming Champ Shows on the weekend of 10th / 11th of February 2024. As per the Show Calendar.”

Recommend approved that Tokoroa Canine Association be permitted NOT to have an open show in 2023 and to hold 2 open shows in conjunction with their 2 Championship shows in February 2024.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB; - Carried

Cambridge Kennel Association – Benefit Show

Email received from the secretary of Cambridge Kennel Association requesting if it would be possible to be granted a Benefit show to be held on 30 December 2023 despite the Benefit show protocols requiring that any application be made in the year prior to the benefit show being granted.

The club has also made a request to hold an open show on 31 December 2023 which has been granted in the normal manner.

Application declined. No information given by the club why they want to hold a Benefit Show when they haven't abided by the Benefit Show protocols.

Moved: STT; Seconded: JB; - Carried

North Island Bull Terrier Club

The committee of the North Island Bull Terrier Club would like to seek consideration to be permitted to attend events run by the American Bully Breed/bully breed groups in New Zealand. These are not Dogs NZ affiliated.

They say “We feel these groups and public events are growing in number and always draw significant crowds which could be used to promote and showcase our Dogs NZ recognised Bull Breeds. In our case Bull Terriers and Bull Terrier Miniature, but there are others included in these events such as American Staffordshire and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

These events are usually only entered by non-pedigree dog owners and unregistered breeders whose dogs often do not follow any breed standard. We believe it would be advantageous to show the general public the difference between pedigree and non-pedigree dogs by competing alongside them. We would also like to attend these events with a stall promoting our club, to answer any questions, and to further promote our health-tested Dogs NZ registered pedigree dogs as a reliable alternative to the unregistered dogs found in large numbers at these events.

We are asking permission to:

1. Compete in the event with our DogsNZ registered dogs
2. Represent our club with a stall promoting it and Dogs NZ”

Recommendation approved that permission is given for the North Island Bull Terrier Club as requested

Moved: FH; Seconded: LD; - Carried

Southland Kennel Association - Application For Exemption To Requirement To Have NZ Judge

Application received from Southland Kennel Association requesting a one-off exemption to the requirement to have at least 1 New Zealand judge for each Championship Show for its October 2023 combined Championship Shows, Championship Benefit Show, and All Breeds Open Show weekend.

They say -

“SKA has its own freehold Exhibition Centre at Kennington, Invercargill which it continues to develop with the assistance of the Benefit Show entitlement made available by Dogs NZ.

Consolidating the Club’s All Breeds Championship Shows, Championship Benefit Show, and an All Breeds Open show into a single weekend encourages increased exhibitor support for the weekend therefore ensuring financial viability and the opportunity to generate a surplus to contribute to projects.

The makeup of the judging panel has a considerable influence on the total entry received and the subsequent capacity to generate a surplus to fund the venue. Notwithstanding the desire to promote greater use of NZ Judges, there is no question that overseas judges remain an important element of attracting show entries with typically a 25% or more increase in numbers.

SKA is currently working towards renewal of the external veranda with an estimated project cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000

SKA contracted a NZ judge to judge our 2022 Allbreed Open Show and purchased the airfare. It was subsequently identified that the same judge had committed to judging elsewhere within the South Island within a six month window. In the interests of exhibitors and both of the clubs, the decision was made to roll over the appointment to October 2023 as the airfare was transferable but not refundable. The requirement to have a NZ judge for at least one group at our Championship Shows was not known at the time of this decision.

SKA is obligated to the cost of a NZ judge for this show weekend albeit that an Open Show has had to be scheduled to utilise the judge.

9. SKA has been able to secure a core panel of 2 Australian and 2 Canadian judges for the weekend with the capacity to cover all groups and B.I.S. requirements for the weekend.

Adding a further NZ Judge to judge a group at each of the 3 Championship Shows will add significant further cost to the Club therefore impacting on our capacity to generate a surplus.

SKA accepts that if an exemption is granted for 2023 that this is based on the unique circumstances that apply and is not a precedent for future years. We look forward to hearing your decision in due course.”

Application declined as all championship shows are required to have one NZ judge

Moved: LD; Seconded: CR; - Carried

South Canterbury Kennel Association – Collie Cup

Application received from South Canterbury Kennel Association regarding the running of the Collie Cup – a competition for Best of Breed of the Collie breeds – Border Collie, Collie (Rough) and Collie (Smooth) held in conjunction with their annual championship shows. This cup is awarded to the dog or bitch best from those breeds displaying their working ability but in a limited way with no other livestock present.

They say “The club have apparently been handing it out since 2019. According to the history they are aware of, the club initiated it in 1936 and in 1938, 1939 & 1940 it was won by a William McKeown so the club simply gave it to him permanently. He then passed it on to his son, who eventually donated it back to the club as he neared the end of his life. The club decided to honour William and reinstate the cup. Engraved on the cup is “Best Working Collie” so to compete for it, conformation points are added to points gained by completing a short rally-o style of course.”

The club has previously been running it as a stake class and it does not appear to have been advertised in the past and they now wish to formalise this.

Dogs NZ do not appear to have any previous records of the Collie Cup.

It would appear that provision for this could be under Show Regulation 27B Supported Entry. However the regulations would appear to presume that the supported entry would be judged by a qualified conformation judge. This would not be the case

“27B.1 A supported entry is when a breed or breeds are featured at a Championship Show and can include special awards and trophies as sponsored and can include judging by a separate judge in a separate ring.

27B.2 Any All Breeds, Group or Multi Breed Club can run a supported entry as part of the Championship Show being conducted by that club.

27B.3 A supported entry can be sponsored by any NZKC affiliated, associated, recognised club or any individual or group of individuals.

27B.4 Trophies and special awards can only be provided for any class that the host show has scheduled.

27B.5 It is optional for a separate schedule to be issued for the breed or breeds being featured. The host clubs schedule must refer to any special schedule if one is published.

27B.6 A separate management team can manage the breed being featured. The supported entry is conducted by and in the name of the host club”

Approval granted if the Collie Cup is run as a match show.

Moved: STT; Seconded: FH; - Carried

DOGS ON REPORT FEBRUARY 2023

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager)

There are 2 appeals immediately below that require a decision by Executive Council.

Miniature American Shepherd Wagontails Totally Beloved RN 04530-2021 owned by C Horncastle

This male Miniature American Shepherd was asked to leave the ring at Taieri Canine Training Club's Championship Agility and Jumpers Event held on 19 December 2022 by the judge, Libby Ellery. She advises this was due to the dog leaving the ring on 4 occasions to chase another dog and on the last occasion growling at the judge on returning to the ring. A report was received from the judge and supporting evidence from the owner of the other dog as well as two other competitors who experienced a similar event involving the same dog.

The dog has been placed on report with a standdown of 7 days, the owner advised and the dog's records endorsed. Agility Committee were advised.

Appeal declined.

Moved: CR; Seconded: JB; - Carried

SECOND APPEAL

Appeal Received from Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association Committee regarding Chanonry Rock A Rnd Austin 03136-2020 Collie (Rough) Owned By B Nelson This appeal is being made with the consent of Brett Nelson.

E.C recommends that the dog is allowed back in the ring to start the required six observation system. An experienced handler may show the dog however, this will not be counted towards the six observation requirements.

Moved: FH ; Seconded: STT ; - Carried

Mondial Hullabaloo 05895-2022 Japanese Spitz owned by S Howard

This dog had been placed on report and required a 2 month standdown for growling and biting at the judge at Tauranga Kennel Association's Championship show in October 2022.

Proof that this dog has successfully completed a 6 week puppy obedience course with Manukau Dog Training Club was provided and advice that the dog had taken part in ring training, the dog has now been given permission to enter shows.

The dog was shown at Auckland Kennel Council and North Harbour Kennel Association's Championship shows on 28/29 January 2023 with no problems reported.

Observers have also been appointed for shows being held in Auckland over Waitangi Weekend.

Tamataki More Than A Feeling 07260-2021 French Bulldog Owned By K Simpson

This French Bulldog has been placed on report for biting the judge at Nelson District Kennel Association's Championship show on 29 January 2023 and being dismissed from the ring. The owner has been advised of the 2 month standdown period and the requirements for the dog to be shown again and the dog's records endorsed.

Saintrose Louie Brosnahan 08381-2021 Papillon Owned By S Brosnahan

This male Paillon was dismissed from the ring for biting the judge at Rotorua Kennel Association Open show held on 31 December 2022. The owner has been advised of the 2 month standdown period and the requirements for the dog to be able to be shown again and the dog's records endorsed.

Athena Of Madhaven 02009-2022 Bull Terrier Owned By S & W Palmer

This female Bull Terrier has been placed on report after it bit the judge at Wanganui Kennel Society's Championship show on 22 January 2023.

Owners have been advised of the 2 month standdown period and the requirements for the dog to be shown again. Dog's records have been endorsed.

Payco's Arrow 04893-2020 Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) Owned By R Hayes

This male Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) has been placed on report after it bit the judge at Wanganui Kennel Society's Championship show on 22 January 2023.

Owners have been advised of the 2 month standdown period and the requirements for the dog to be shown again and the dog's records have been endorsed.

Ch Hezza Maverick Of Charizelle 01287-2019 Parson Russell Terrier Owned By J Rennell

This male Parson Russell Terrier who was competing at Taieri Canine Training Club's Championship Agility Event & Championship Jumpers Event on 10 December 2022, left the ring and chased another dog who was running in another ring. Witnesses reported that the dog nipped another dog twice in the rear. This was also witnessed by the judge.

Owner has been advised of the 2 month standdown period and the requirements for the dog to be able to compete again. The Agility Committee will be arranging observers.

Team Psycho's Golden Ticket OB/8161 Heading Dog Owned By B O'Connor

This male Heading Dog who was competing at Taieri Canine Training Club's Championship Agility Event & Championship Jumpers Event on 10 December 2022, was involved in an incident with another dog after taking a wrong obstacle and heading towards the bucket. The dog had an altercation with another dog who was preparing for the run, they were pulled apart and then another second contact was made. The owner of the dog initiated the complaint against her own dog which was witnessed.

Owner has been advised of the 2 month standdown period and the requirements for the dog to be able to compete again. The Agility Committee will be arranging observers

CH El-Toro Popcorn 08222-2021 Chihuahua (Long Coat) owned by Y Tester

This female Chihuahua (Long Coat) was placed on report after being excused from the ring at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show by the judge, Ms McGhie of Australia for aggressive behaviour.

This dog has now successfully completed all 6 observations. The owner has been advised and the endorsement removed.

Mouth Amighty Snow OB/7832 owned by S Ward

This male Jack Russell Terrier has now completed all required observations with no problems reported. The endorsement has been removed from the dog's records and the owner advised

Topshelf Big Boss Man At Heavyfuel 01443-2022 American Staffordshire Terrier owned by C Turbitt

This male American Staffordshire Terrier was placed on report after being excused from the ring at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show by the judge, Ms Walsh of Australia for aggressive behaviour.

This dog has been exhibited and observed with not problems reported. Is entered at shows in Auckland Waitangi weekend and observers appointed.

Veloz Thong Sauteur OB/8505 Heading Dog Owned By B Thomson

This Heading Dog was placed on report for showing aggressive behaviour towards the judge at Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club's Championship Agility Events in 2021.

The dog was stood down for 7 days. Since then the owner has done extensive training with the dog. Agility Committee have arranged the observers. The dog has now successfully completed all required observations. The owner has been advised and the endorsement removed from the dog's records.

CAININE HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT

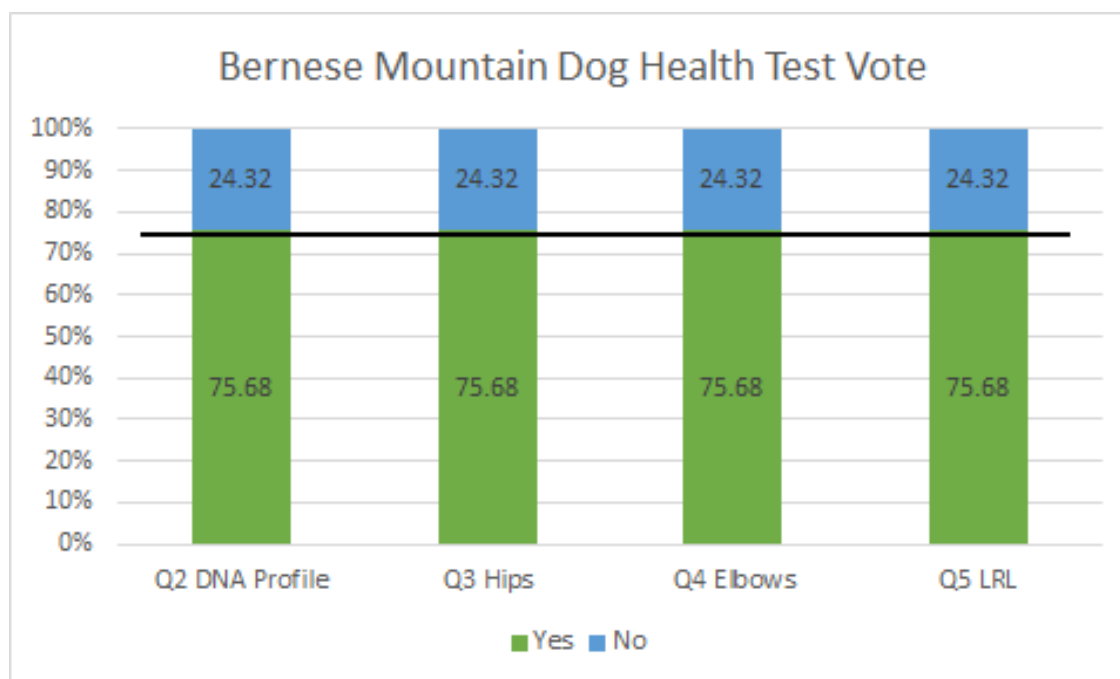
Report by Lynley Drummond Chair of CH&W

The Canine Health & Welfare Committee met on the 17th January 2023. This timing is better suited to coordinate workflow and outputs for EC meetings.

An update to the Breeders Code of Conduct has been developed which addresses several issues that have been apparent over the course of the last 18 months, in particular the approval process. The updated BCOC requires breeders applying for dispensation for breaches to apply to the CH&WC prior to seeking any veterinary report. The updated BCOC (Registry Regulation 19) is included for approval by EC.

Recommendation: Amendments to the BCOC are approved.

The Bernese Mountain Dog LRL survey was completed in December 2022, with all proposed requirements passing the 75% threshold for acceptance.



Several key topics related to minimum breed health testing requirements, formally referred to as Litter Registration Limitations (LRL's) were discussed in detail at the January CH&WC meeting as detailed below.

1. A proposed change to the NZKC Rule 31 (The New Zealand Kennel Club Register) which will place a protective framework around the Breed Limited Registration Limitations scheme. This proposal is in response to feedback and concerns from Members regarding the LRL scheme. The addition to this Rule will give certainty to the DNZ Membership (clubs, breeders, and owners), that once in place LRL Regulations are not able to be changed without prior engagement and the approval from those guardians of the breed (Clubs and/or breed affiliated DNZ Membership). CH&WC intend to submit this proposed rule change to the 2023 ACOD to ensure transparency, confidence, and acceptance by DNZ Membership. The proposed remit is detailed at the end of this report.

Recommendation: EC ratify the proposed CH&WC remit to ACOD 2023

2. Further to the direction requested by EC in November regarding a timeline to establish LRL's for all 241 registered breeds in NZ, CH&WC concluded 2030 to be a realistic target. Although the initiative is gaining momentum, since its inception in 2015 only 8 breeds have LRL's in place. CH&WC is proactively working with several breeds to establish LRL's, and has accepted proposals from the South Island Collie Club to initiate an LRL for Border Collies and The Dominion Poodle Club to initiate an LRL for Miniature Poodles.
3. Recognising that a large number of minor breeds do not have breed clubs, affiliated group clubs, or breeders/owners for the initiation of LRL's, CH&WC discussed the need for a wider DNZ audience to be able to initiate the LRL process. Currently who can initiate LRL's is not defined in any regulation but is stated in the widely publicised LRL FAQ: *"LRLs are club, breeder or owner driven. Requests for an LRL must come from the relevant Club(s), or where no club exists for that breed by the registered breeders of that breed."* CH&WC is currently revising that document and intend to amend the statement to clarify that the LRL's are established in conjunction with Club and breed affiliated Membership.

4. Further to the EC discussion in November 2022, CH&WC are recommending to EC that all new breeds must have an LRL in place at the time they are recognised by DNZ. CH&WC are proposing that in conjunction with Breed Standards undertaking their reviews of proposed new breeds to be registered, that CH&WC together with the applicants develop LRL's at the same time.

Recommendation: At the time of any applications for new breed registrations with DNZ, that a LRL is developed in conjunction with the applicants and /or Breed Standards and is approved at the time that breed registration is approved.

5. In order to better facilitate the administrative process of establishing LRL's, CH&WC identified that pre-registration of members that are eligible to vote is a more robust option. Pre-registration prior to the survey ensures only Members eligible to vote receive the survey, and automated reminders to vote if the system has not received intended votes prior to survey closure can be sent. The process is outlined below.
6. Following consistent feedback from Members regarding the voting worth of Breeders versus Owners, CH&WC discussed options to acknowledge the interest and breed health awareness of breeders. CH&WC proposed and passed the use of differential vote, whereby each currently registered kennel associated with the breed receives a vote with a weighting of 10 points, and all registered owner votes are unweighted (1 point). CH&WC seek approval from EC to instigate this system of differential voting worth.

Recommendation: The role and breed health knowledge of breeders as guardians of their breeds is acknowledged at the voting stage of the LRL process by attributing 10 points per kennel name currently registered to the breed, and 1 point per owner vote.

Plans for the RFG rollout are well underway with proven venues in 4 centres (Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch and Dunedin) identified and arrangements in progress, for the vet training days. Letters have gone out to breed clubs calling for dogs (Pugs, Bulldogs & French Bulldogs) to be available for the training days in May and June. Internal DNZ administrative requirements for running the RFG scheme are in progress.

Executive Council discussed the report and agreed on the following recommendations:

MOTION 1

That the proposal to change the current LRL voting protocols with a 10:1 weighting for Breeders over dog owners be approved:

Moved: LD; Seconded KM; CARRIED

MOTION 2

That the proposed LRL protocols for pre-registration and checking of eligibility prior to vote be approved:

Moved: LD; Seconded KM; CARRIED

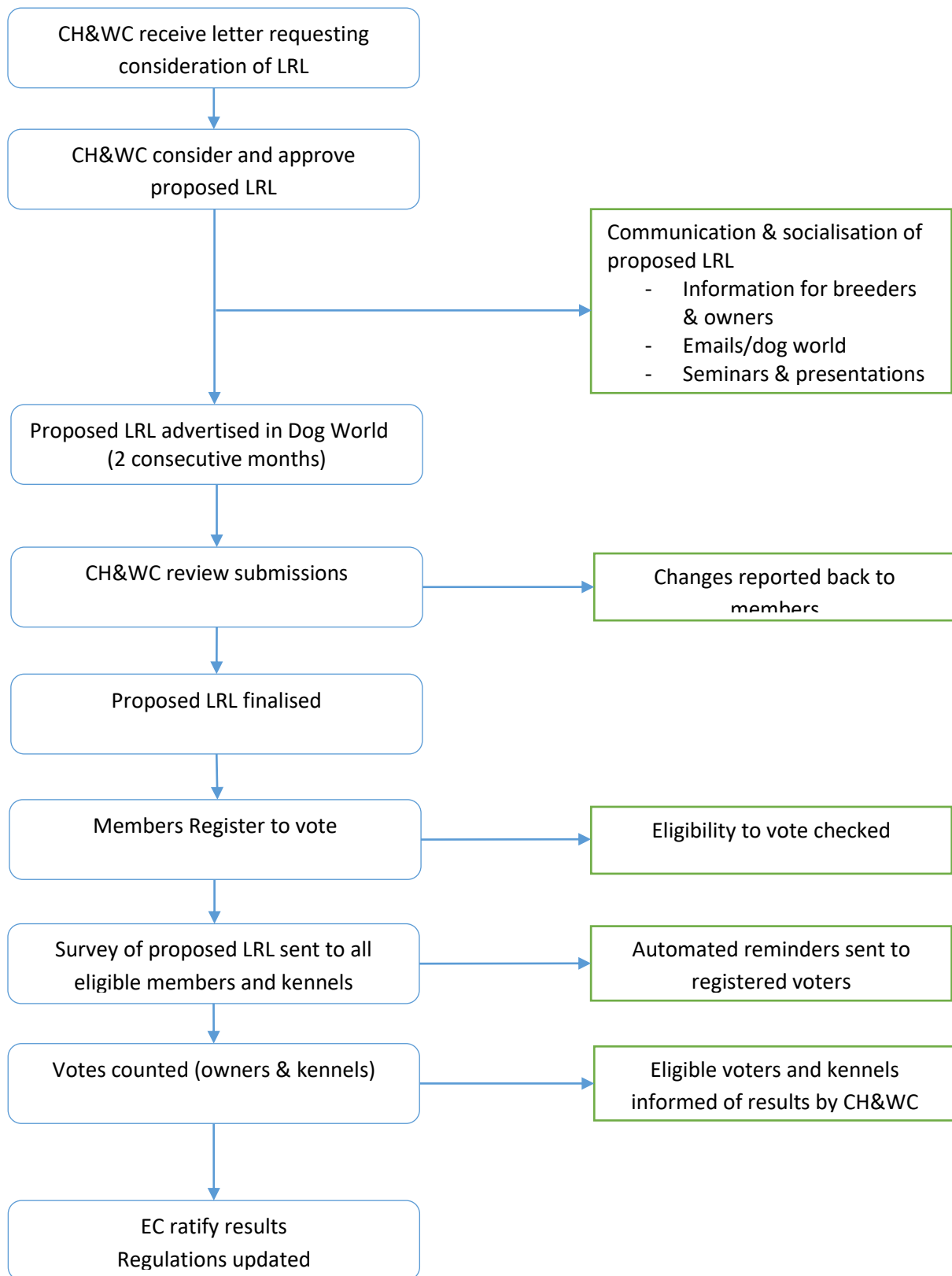
Executive Council discussed the proposed remit for changes to Rule 31 and advised that CH&W committee incorporate them into Registry Regulation 24 together the approved LRL vote protocols and bring them back to the April Council meeting.

Executive Council also decided that any new breeds will not be recognised until there is an LRL for that breed in place. Breed Standards are to provide CH&W with a list of recently approved recognised breeds to begin the process.

Report Received;

Moved: LD; Seconded; JB; Approved

PROCESS FLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM BREED HEALTH TESTING (LRL'S)



AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT– February 2023

Report from Paul Taylor Dogs NZ Agility Chairperson

Inaugural AC committee Meeting

This meeting was held in Auckland over 18/19 December 2022.

This meeting was attended by EC member Stephen Meredith to act until the position of chair was filled. This was initially filled by Chris Richardson with Paul Taylor as deputy, however when the position of EC rep was discussed Chris nominated himself for this position (with Rosemarie Baker seconding) and during discussion around size of roles he offered to swap to deputy chair and EC rep, this was accepted by committee.

Executive positions are:

Chair	Paul Taylor
Vice Chair	Chris Richardson
Secretary	Karen Grant
Treasurer	Reece Smith
Executive Councillor	Chris Richardson
Other members	Rosemarie Baker Diana Gausden Robyn Fargher Sue Whitwell

Conflict of interest declarations were completed for the entire committee and the website has been updated to reflect the new officers and their contact details.

Financial Report

The outgoing Treasurer had provided a written report on the financial state of the agility committees books. This was discussed and accepted. Various applications for equipment, instructors and ribbon trail judge's subsidy were approved.

Reports were also presented for:

- Measurer Liaison;
- North Island dogs on report
- South Island dogs on report
- Judges sub committee
- 2022 NZADC post event report
- 2023 NZDAC planning report-including proposed budget and application to hold fund raising benefit show.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Canine Health and Welfare relationship

Chris presented an update on working with Rhea and the plan to develop some training and education for key members of the agility community including judges and clubs to kick off. This would include advice on

working dogs rather than relying on owners vet declarations and the possibility of developing guidelines and register for mixed breed breeders. Chris is continuing to develop this relationship.

Club Initiative.

The committee is working on increasing knowledge and support for clubs.

Retirees

Acknowledgement of Fiona Hodgson retiring from the agility judges panel.

Regulation changes

Several anomalies in the regulations have been identified and these were discussed and agreed so are presented at EC meeting for ratification they are:

- Regulation 8.1.5
- Regulation 11.1.2.1 and addition of an explanation table for clarity
- Regulation 7.8.7.4
- Regulation 16.4.1
- Regulation 17.5.2
- Regulation 13.7.1
- Regulation 13.7.2
- Regulation 13.7.5
- Regulation 13.7.7
- Regulation 13.7.9

Attached is the proposed changes which are mainly corrections and expansions, identified during reviews of recent Regulation changes. Plus an additional report required for assessment of judges as they complete their probationary appointments.

End of meeting

ONGOING Business

Proposed Agility Budget

A draft budget including Agility Committee and 2023 NZDAC budgets has been submitted to Dogs NZ.

Judges' education program

The committee is currently looking at online and in person options for judges' education in safe course design skills as part of our commitment to maintain the sport of agility is conducted in the safest possible manner.

Take the Lead

How the committee continues to enhance this is currently being planned.

Topics for Executive Council meeting:

1. Payment of Dogs NZ levies for National events

Although this has been waived previously the agility committee is seeking an assurance that this waiver remains in place for future National events. (this came up during 2023 NZDAC budget discussions).

2. Regulations amendment ratification

As per attached summary document.

3. Club Initiative

Chris will present up to date details at the meeting.

4. Judges Promotion

Approval for promotion of the following Agility Judges:

- Heather Warren to Ribbon Trial Panel
- Donna Tofts to Agility Panel
- Renee James to Agility Panel

Moved: CR; Seconded: CM; - Carried

Executive Council discussed the report and confirmed that the payment of NZDAC show levies will continue from 2023 onwards. Council also declined the request to wave show levies on the Benefit Shows as it sets a precedent for all future benefit shows. CR briefed Council on the support that the Agility community had provided Animal Rescue Shelters in Hawkes Bay. CR to provide ST with details so it can be profiled in Dog-iE news and NZ Dog World.

Report Received;

Moved: CR; Seconded; JB; Approved

DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by Geoff Collins Deputy Chair, Dog Training Committee

1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings

A meeting was held at the Dogs NZ offices on the 21 and 22 January 2023. The next meeting will be on Saturday 25th March.

2. Support for Dog Training

Steven Thompson attended our last Dog Training Committee meeting on the Saturday morning to talk about possible ways Dogs New Zealand and our sponsor can better support dog training. In return Dogs NZ are hoping to generate a database of people and dogs attending domestic dog training at our clubs so they and Proplan can follow up with them to encourage them to join up to Dogs NZ and participate in our dog activities (and, presumably, to start feeding Proplan food). This will require clubs to share their membership databases and to check with each person whether they are prepared to be part of this data share. That will be a bit of a challenge and will need a considered approach. There is also the issue that many clubs might not have a proper membership database and so may need help from Dogs NZ to develop one.

To start with we hope to resume our train the trainers programme with five sessions each year, one in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin plus one alternating between regional locations in the North and South Island. In parallel we need to start developing a dog training instructor certification system, including a code of ethics, which will allow Dogs NZ to apply become an accredited organisation with Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ). Some work on this has already been done by the Dog Trainers Association of New Zealand (made up of Dogs NZ members) but there was apparently some reluctance to using their material which I would like to challenge.

3. Judge Appointments and Promotions

The following people have been approved for appointment or promotion on the judges' panels by the DTC:

- Appointment of Jennifer Everest to the Rally-O Novice Panel
- Promotion of Fiona Scott to the Rally-O Encore Panel

Both have met the requirements and been approved by DTC

Moved: GC; Seconded: FH; - Carried

4. Composition of the Dog Training Committee

After the Executive Council did not approve the change to the Dog Training Committee to include a CGC representative (along with a Rally-O, Obedience and Working Trials representative) we have decided to leave the composition as it is for now. We will continue to work with the Rally-O and Working Trials subcommittees to develop those disciplines and we have established an Obedience Working Group to look at ways to attract new people into obedience to help grow the sport. We will also appoint committee members to liaise with the CGC and Scenwork committees and competitors to update us on what is happening. Brian Harris is now providing us with CGC committee meeting minutes which helps.

5. Election of Dog Training Chairperson and Region Representatives

The two-year terms for these positions end in May so nominations will be called for in April. The terms for the three deputy region representatives go until May 2024.

6. Competition Obedience Survey

The Dog Training Committee conducted a survey on competition obedience in late 2022. This provided some useful feedback which the committee discussed at the January meeting. Some of the comments we received were particularly enlightening. There were some common themes:

- Better encouragement for new handlers
- Introduction of new/novelty classes
- More ribbon trials
- Bringing obedience back to the National Dog Show
- Positive, non-judgemental support between all competitors
- Fewer stays (puts quite a few people off)
- Better support for clubs by Dogs NZ
- Better promotion of Obedience – publications, demonstrations etc.
- And quite a few comments from the old school saying “don't dumb down our sport”

As a result we are planning on introducing some changes that should provide a more-welcoming introduction into competition obedience and a better transition between the existing classes. The first thing we have proposed is reducing to only one heelwork exercise in Test A to make it not such a daunting step up from Novice. This is one of the February discussion items. As there is quite an aversion to change among some competitors we might not be able to make big changes to the existing classes just yet so we are looking at introducing new classes including a standardised

national Elementary class, an Introductory class with minimal heelwork and individual rather than group stays, and an open class with no heelwork or stays. Our new Obedience Working Group will develop these ideas and we hope to introduce some of these new classes later this year.

We also discussed how we might be able to use the Take the Lead programme to encourage welcoming and supportive behaviour from our competitors.

7. February Discussion Round

The following items have been included in the February 2023 discussion and will go out for voting in April:

General

- Item 1: Voting on regulations changes regarding judging matters
- Item 2: Change of date/time of year for the NDTA
- Item 3: Change to DTC Secretary regulation
- Item 4: Addition of Treasurer regulation

Obedience

- Item 1: Allowing the use of coats in the Obedience ring
- Item 2: Removing one of the heelwork exercises from Test A
- Item 3: Awarding a Test C challenge for 3rd place if on 295 points or more

Rally-O

- Item 1: Combining Excellent A and Excellent B into a single class

8. Allowing Dog Training Regions to run shows

The Dog Training Committee had intended to add a discussion/voting item in this round that would allow our three dog training regions to hold Obedience and Rally-O Ribbon trials and up to two Benefit Championship Obedience Tests or two Championship Rally-O events per year. Currently they need to use a club's name (and show program log-in) to do this. However we wanted to check if any rule changes would be needed for this as we suspect that the regions might have to become recognised societies so that they can be granted show licences and have access to the on-line show program.

9. Blenheim Dog Training Club

The Dog Training Committee received a request from the Blenheim Canine Training Club to change their status to a registered Championship Obedience Society. This was approved by email vote on 11 October and was recorded in the minutes for the Dog Training Committee meeting on 3rd November. Unfortunately this was omitted from the DTC report for the November EC meeting so I requested an email EC vote on 2 February to allow the club to confirm their upcoming championship show with the office.

10. National Dog Training Assembly

Planning for the 2023 NDTA in Levin is well underway. Most judges have been secured and will be contracted shortly. Proplan have been contacted to start the discussions on the supply of product for the show and to create new NDTA banners. Our fundraising raffle made a profit of nearly \$8,000.

We are very much hoping that we can have some representation from EC members on at least one of the days over Labour Weekend. I have also asked if Proplan can be present on at least one day. There was no EC or Proplan representation at all at the Auckland NDOA last year which does not send a great message to the dog training community.

The NDTA in 2024 will be held by the Southern Region at the RDA venue in Christchurch, either at Labour weekend or in early May depending on the outcome of the vote in April for changing the date of the NDTA.

11. National Dog Show 2023

We hope that we will be able to at least have Obedience back at the National Dog Show this year. Last year was the first National Dog Show since 1959 that did not include Obedience (and the National Dog Show only started a couple of years before that). Our current thinking is that we will invite the 15 top ranked dogs in each test (or a subset of tests depending on what space and time we have) using the Top 20 ranking system.

12. Domestic Dog Training Conference, December 2022

The third Domestic Dog Training Conference was held in early December at the YMCA Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre near Upper Hutt. This was very successful and received very favourable feedback from those who attended. The conference also made a small surplus. We hope to hold the next conference in mid-2024.

13. New DTC bank account

We now have a bank account set up under Dogs NZ which we can use for funding suitable activities. This could include future domestic dog training conferences, meeting expenses (including Zoom subscription), training seminars and education resources, and club support. As discussed at the November EC meeting we are hoping to get a share of the levies from Obedience, Rally-O and Working Trials events to fund these activities. We still need to work out the details of how this levy sharing will work but we are hoping this can start soon.

We have proposed the addition of a treasurer for the Dog Training Committee to create budgets and administer the account. This position would be appointed by the Dog Training Committee, either from the elected members or from suitable members of the dog training community. This proposal is included in the February discussion items.

14. Top Obedience Dog for 2022

In 2022 we re-established the "Top 20" ranking system for obedience dogs and for the 2022 year this was won by Helen McLellan of Amberley with her dog OB GR CH Waitaha My Friend Flicka, a Border Collie. There will be a presentation of a certificate to Helen at the NDTA Benefit show in Hanmer in early February. Proplan are also providing a large bag of dog food for the winner.

15. Member information on involvement in dog sports and their current club/s

The Dog Training Committee have been discussing our voting register and difficulties in keeping it up to date. I suggested in a recent email that it would be helpful if Dogs NZ collected information at the time of membership renewal each year on involvement in our dog sports and required people to confirm the club or clubs they currently belong to. Fiona advised that she understood this will form part of an update to the membership programme so we are keen to know how this is progressing.

16. General

- Karen Sadler previously brought up the idea of allowing non-Dogs NZ organisations to apply for licences to run Dogs NZ shows and I believe this was going to be referred to the strategic committee. Has there been any progress on this?
- Karen also requested in her report to the September EC meeting that championship and grand championship certificate have the NZKC seal included on them to help differentiate them from lesser certificates. I understand that this was agreed and the office has done this for some

certificates but it doesn't seem to be happening for all. Can we please confirm with the office that this should happen on all such certificates?

- We recently had correspondence from a club about a judge from whom they are wanting to get a refund of airfares that were not used (cancelled show) but for which the judge still holds a flight credit. The judge was reluctant to provide a refund as she was not sure she would be able to use the flight credit and did not want to use it to come to judge at a later show. The Obedience Judges Association felt they had no authority to direct the judge to comply and neither did the Dog Training Committee. What would EC members suggest in a situation like this?

Executive Council discussed the report and the noted that private show licenses are included in the scope of work for the Strategy Committee. ST to resolve the seal on the Championship Certificates issue with the National Office. The refund of Judges flights for cancelled shows should be included in a review of judges contract template.

GC tabled Karen Sadler's (KS) letter of resignation as chair of the Dog Training Committee and briefed Council on the reorganisation of the committee. GC is now Chair of Dog training with Rosemary Cleator as Deputy Chair. A letter was also tabled from the Dog Training Committee in support of KS.

Report Received:
Moved: GC; Seconded: FH; - Carried

CAININE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from Arend van de Bos: Dogs NZ CGC Chairperson

Dogs NZ CGC Committee meeting

Since the last EC report, Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings via Zoom were held on Sunday October 30th and Sunday December 11th.

At the time of writing this report, the next two meetings Dogs CGC Committee meetings is scheduled for Sunday 29th January 2023 and 26th February 2023.

Dogs NZ CGC Committee

Kat Thorstrand and Chris Tews have been welcomed onto the CGC Committee and have already become major contributors to the ongoing development of Dogs NZ CGC and CGB.

CGC Manual

The revised version of the CGC Manual has been distributed to all current CGC Assessors and Registered CGC Societies. It has also been made available on request from DogsNZ either in printed form (at cost) or electronic form.

It was also noted that the cost of the manual had been increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00 which the committee supports.

Following its distribution, it appears that not all Registered CGC Societies have made it aware to their CGC Instructors that the CGC Manual has been revised and its changes took effect from 1 January 2023. To overcome this situation, the Dogs NZ Director/Secretary has been asked to place an announcement in the DOG-iE News that the CGC Manual has been revised; has been effective from 1 January 2023; and is available to those wishing to obtain a copy.

It was also noted that the cost of the manual had been increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00 which the committee supports.

An outline of the “Café Exercise”, intending to replace the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Stay Exercises has been established and agreed upon by the Dogs NZ CGC Committee, with only minor finessing still being required to be done before its presentation to the Dogs NZ EC for approval.

CGC Assessment Fee Increase

A proposal had been forwarded to the CGC committee by the Dogs NZ Treasurer suggesting that an increase of \$10.00 be applied for CGC Assessing to recover costs for the printing and distribution of the CGC Manual.

This matter was discussed at the December CGC Committee meeting, and it was felt that with an increase of the cost of the Manual, that a further additional \$10.00 applied to those being Assessed was likely to have a negative impact on numbers of Assessments being conducted and/or willingness for Societies to conduct Assessments. Following considerable discussion, a compromise of a \$5.00 increase was considered acceptable.

It is the recommendation therefore that the cost of CGC Assessments be raised from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

MOTION: EC endorsement that CGC Assessment Fee be set at \$20.00.

Moved: CM; Seconded: STT; - Carried

Annual CGC Assessor License Fee

As part of the updating of the CGC Webpage, a review of those listed as Dogs NZ CGC Assessors was conducted with a finding that a significant number of those listed either no longer wished to be registered or were “temporarily” making themselves unavailable. In some cases, Assessor details were also incorrect.

Added to this was a small number of Dogs NZ Assessors who, despite three separate attempts to ascertain their status and details, did not respond.

To overcome this situation from re-occurring and to better ensure current Dogs NZ CGC Assessor status, it was suggested to the December CGC Committee that an annual Dogs NZ CGC Assessor license fee of \$10.00 per annum be applied. This was unanimously supported.

MOTION: EC endorsement that and annual CGC Assessor License Fee, set at \$10.00/annum be instituted.

Moved: CM; Seconded: STT; - Carried
GC against

CGC Webpage Reconstruction

A re-write of the Introduction pages for both the CGC and CGB Webpages has been completed and applied.

Currently work on re-developing the CGC and CGB web pages is focussing on establishing an accurate listing of CGC and CGB registered Assessors and Training providers. The latter, never having been done before, requiring the establishment of an entirely new database.

There has also been a request that a calendar of Assessment dates and venues be established on the CGC Webpage.

Domestic/ CGC Conference

Irma Harris presented to the DogsNZ Domestic / CGC Conference held in December 2022 an excellent overview prepared by Stephen Harris of the recent changes that had been made to the CGC manual. From all the feedback received it appears to have generated strong debate.

There was also rigorous debate around the planned initiatives to introduce Café Exercises as a replacement for the Stay Exercises and the introduction of collateral Wildlife and Urban training courses as part of the overall DogsNZ CGC programme. As a result of these discussions some modifications to the Café Exercise have been developed and the Urban and Wildlife programme has been shelved for the time being.

Applications and Appointments

Two applications, (Recruit Training, and Barbara McDonald) to be a registered CGC/CGB Training Providers was received and approved.

Four applicants (Cathy Lundie; Barbara Connaughton; Craig Smith; Madeleine Jones) to be CGC Basic Assessors was received and approved.

CGC/CGB Assessor Membership Cards

A proposal has been submitted to the Dogs NZ CGC Committee to have membership cards which allows a person to indicate their current status as a CGC/CGB Assessor as well s any other Dogs NZ Judging Appointments they may have.

This was unanimously endorsed by the committee and endorsement for the proposal is to now be sought from Dogs NZ.

Executive Council discussed the report and asked for the section on the Domestic / CGC Conference to be revised so that it matches the conference minutes before accepting the report. E.C. also questioned the utility of having an Assessor membership card.

Report Received: Moved; BH: - Approved

SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from Arend van de Bos, Chair Scent Work Committee

1. Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee

Since the last Dogs NZ Scent Work report, there have been two Scent Work Committee meetings, conducted through "Zoom," on November 9th and December 7th, 2022.

The next two scheduled meetings are February 8th and March 6th, 2023.

2. Scent Work Committee Administration

Amerillis Farmer was welcomed onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, with apologies from a second person (Claire Groom), recently appointed onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee for non-attendance, being accepted.

There continues to be discussion regarding the institution of allocating permanent numbers for those participating in Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials. Fiona Hodgson has given the committee substantial information as to how this works with Agility.

3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations

All Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulation changes presented to the Dogs NZ EC November meeting were approved and became effective immediately, despite an understanding that effective dates were traditionally 1st of January and June. This caught a few administrators and participants off guard but did not result in any significant difficulties arising.

All Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations associated with the anticipated introduction of Excellent Interior; Exterior and Vehicle Class Searches, as well as Master Container Search have been presented to the committee and endorsed. They will be further presented at the annual Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Conference in March, before being presented to the April meeting of the Dogs EC for their endorsement.

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee wish to thank the Dogs NZ EC, following further discussion on altering their stance regarding participation of non-Dog NZ Members entering a singular Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial, now enabling them to enter a Novice Scent Work Class of choice rather than being restricted to Novice Container, without any right to use any result obtained for a future recognition of any Dogs NZ Scent Work Title or Award.

Contemporizing of the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations is still a matter in progress.

4. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges.

Having fulfilled all pre-requisite criteria for a first appointment onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges panel, and received approval from the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, endorsement for the following is requested:

- Karen Magorian – Advanced Interior and Advanced Exterior (Class Appointment)
- Joanna Stacey – Advanced Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle (Class promotion and Appointment – subject to examination passes).
- Barbara Nolan - Novice Vehicle. (Class Appointment)

- Matilda van Rijnberg – Novice Container; Novice Interior; Novice exterior and Novice Vehicle (First Appointment)
- Rachel Rait - Novice Container. (First Appointment)
- Debra Wilson – Novice Exterior. (First Appointment)
- Jacqueline Lewis – Novice Interior, Exterior and Vehicle (Class Appointments)

MOVED: EC endorsement for the above judges appointments.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB; - Carried

There are currently twenty-two Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges distributed throughout various Scent Work Class Judges Panels.

5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.

After the last Scent Work report being submitted to the Dogs NZ EC, applications to host a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial have been received from:

- Southern Scent Work Club (7 – 19 April 2023).
- Southern Scent Work Club (27/28 May 2023).
- Horowhenua Obedience Dog Training Club (17/18 June 2023).
- Otago Canine Training Club (3/4 December 2023).

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee have approved all.

6. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.

Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register indicates a roll of 501 of which 81% are current Dogs NZ Members.

Since its inception three years ago, Dogs NZ have gained at least fifty new members as a direct result of participating in Dogs NZ Scent Work.

Report Received:
Moved: MH; Seconded: CM; - Carried

FORRESTER PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report by Simon Monson, Chair Forrester Park Management Committee

Work is now completed on the stormwater drainage upgrade and repairs. It has become apparent the system was not working correctly so the repair should make a vast improvement to our flooding issues. We have had the initial inspection on the roof with the roofer starting next week on general repairs and we will put a roof repair and maintenance plan together.

I have been investigating the requirements in regards to the fire safety evacuation plan and we are in the process of organising training to train 5 club representatives to comply with current legislation and then to sign off the final fire safety plans and procedures.

OCTC have completed their upgrades to their electrical feed from our building and now have compliance. We also have just completed a round of yearly test and tagging of all electrical equipment in the building.

The Committees focus has now turned to this years projects for recommendation to the Capex Committee and more in-depth negotiations with the Dunedin City Council over grounds and parking requirements.

Report Received:
Moved: SM; Seconded: STT; - Carried

NZDJA REPORT

Report by R T Greer. President NZDJA

MEETINGS:

Since my last report the committee has not met f2f, this being scheduled for 12th February. We have dealt with issues as they arise on a case by case basis via email, this overcomes the vagrancies of internet connection using ZOOM. The annual changes in committee often brings another set of Zoom connection issues, it never seems to end.

PROMOTIONAL APPLICATONS:

We have made to major changes into time frames and internal viewing of the database of applications as they arrive. At the time of writing this report there has been 43 applications, with about 39% being in the Aspiring/Ribbon & Open Show levels. We went out on social media looking for early applications so as we could process them ahead of our 31st January deadline and go back to the candidate to seek more or missed information, as apposed to declining the application. Over the last two years or since covid, we would have processed 130 applications across the board.

Historically we used to record all applications on one person's Excel system on their PC , and share that database after applications had closed. We have along with other vital information "clouded" them in Google Info and then with these applications have used google sheets, with more than one person inputting, and our secretary having viewing rights as an overall view and security. We shifted over our historical application Excel files so we now have a living current document and our historical data safeguarded for the association. The safeguarding of such information has been a priority of mine.

ON-LINE TRAINING:

We are struggling to maintain the momentum here, possibly because the task was far bigger than we anticipated, and that we have had a considerable number of new breeds recognised by DNZ, and the open book exams are a oncer, once used to catch up on those who are licensed for that group, they are no longer needed.

The security and the lack of a range of our personnel to run this system are of concern to me. At our 12th February f2f meeting this will be addressed, and the google sheets system as for the applications looms as a distinct master sheet for it.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS:

Thee dates and venues have been set for these, and looking at the application numbers we will make any additional calls that will be deemed necessary.

GENERAL:

As per my last report our newly established the letters regarding judges' behaviour continues to operate efficiently. The long-term effect of this is yet to be felt, but I am hoping it will have a marked impact.

Linda Strongman last her husband Mark a couple of weeks ago, and Linda has been side-lined since this. Accordingly, we are a man down on our committee but we boxing on until Linda feels that she can face it all again. We wish her well.

JUDGES APPOINTMENTS:

Aspiring Panel

- Joanne Croft
- Taina Toa

Ribbon Parade

- Jessica Burgess
- Raewyn Anderson
- Jeanette Bedford
- Kim Atkinson
- Gaynor Meredith
- Sarah Elliot

Specialist

- Nigel Trainor - Springer Spaniel
- Robynne Trainor - Springer Spaniel
- Martin Hewitt - Dachshund
- Heidi Holland - Bull Terrier
- Karen Graham - Poodle

MOTION: That the above applicants to the Judges list be approved as they meet the requirements of NZDJA.
Moved: JB; Seconded: STT; - Carried

Report Received: Chair: - Carried

JDH REPORT

Report by Jill Brooker: E.C. Liaison JDH Committee

A short report as there hasn't been that much happening.

This year's competition is now underway and we have the heats in place for the entire year.

A few of us have seen the rushes for the television series and they are looking really good and we are confident that it will go down well with the targeted audience.

YDS are currently working with the office on getting a web page up and running, and there will be a JDH page included in this. We are ever hopeful that on the heels of the TV series we might get some uptake from young people wanting to come along and see how things work.

For the final this year we are looking for it to be completed on one of the days of National week and on Final day the winners will do a lap of honour in the main ring.

Executive Council asked for links to the Crufts live stream of the Junior Competition to be promoted in Dog IE news.

Report Received: JB; Seconded: FH; - Carried

YOUNG DOG SHOWING

Report by Margaret Wilson Chair YDS

Our committee has remained the same and we have had a good start to the new competition year with many heats supported at Championship shows.

Regional Coordinators

Upper North Island: Kelly Te Reo and Debbie Hull

Lower North Island: Elza Maulder

South Island: Amelia Price-Gosman

YDS Finals (Sponsored by Purina Proplan, True Vets, Pet n Sur, Dog Gifts NZ)

This was a successful event held at the National Dog show with 35 junior members competing in the four age classes. We were able, thanks to the raffle and our sponsors to have our Pizza party for our junior members and fund prizes to 5 placings for all classes.

Website

We are actively developing our web presence with the excellent assistance of Sue Connor.

The first stage will be live before the JDH programme goes to air. This will provide a conduit for enquiries initiated by the programme.

Young Kennel Club

Steven Thompson has initiate contact for me to spend some time with a representative of YKC in the UK during my holiday. My prime objective is to gather information on how we can better find and prepare our competition judges.

Executive Council discussed the report and CR spoke on the Agility schools competition. GC handed out thank you certificates from the very successful JDT camp in January.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

DOGS NZ LETTER TO CEYLON KENNEL CLUB RE: Declined invite to recognise kennel Club

DOGS NZ LETTER TO NZDJA RE: Show Regulation: 4.1.1 and Peer Judging

9. GENERAL BUSINESS/CHAIRPERSON SUM UP/EVALUATION OF MEETING/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL BUSINESS

- BH will be attending The UK kennel Club celebration in London and representing Dog NZ at his own expense. E.C. wish him well at the Garden Party with King Charles (who has Labradors).
- Executive Council discussed the issue of Speciality Clubs holding shows in Christchurch on the same weekend as Breed Shows and the interpretation of Show Regulation 2.1.2.3. Director Secretary is to bring back to April Council meeting recommended changes to the show regulation that will assist the National Office in making decisions on show calendar clashes.
- Executive Council discussed the strong support by members for the dogs NZ Cyclone Support fund. Because the greatest support need is in the East Coast / Hawkes Bay region Council has decided to appoint Fiona Hodgson as chair of the Fund Distribution Committee. FH will co-opt two other members from the region to help distribute funds to support dogs affected by the Cyclone.

Moved: Chair; Approved

- CKA would like Executive Council approval to hold a Rally-O show under the Dogs NZ banner on the same weekend as the August FCI Show

Moved: Chair; Approved

- MH asked for Executive Council to ratify the decision of Breed Standards to change the standard of the American Miniature Sheppard so that the first sentence of the Tail section of the Breed Standard be amended to read "*A docked, natural bobtail or undocked tail are all acceptable.*" This will allow imported dogs with docked tails and locally bred dogs to be on equal footing in the show ring.

Moved: MH; Seconded: JB; - Carried

- Agility Committee would like to have representation on the CH&W committee and have nominated Karen Grant. The TOR for the committee will be reviewed at the April E.C. meeting and any new appointments will be ratified in July E.C. meeting.
- STT asked that E.C. review the process regarding official complaints involving assaults. Director Secretary to seek legal advice on this issue.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

Next Meeting

29-30 April (Wellington)

2023 Dates:

- 23 June (Wellington)
- 22 July (Zoom)
- 16-17 September (Auckland)
- 25-26 November (Wellington)

BH closed the meeting at 2.45pm on 26 February 2023.