



Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Held on 20 & 21 November 2021

**At Dogs NZ
Level 1, Tottenham House
7 Kilkerran Place
Porirua 5022**

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President

Jill Brooker (JB)

Donna Hailes (DH)

Phil Johnson (PJ) *via Zoom Sunday only*

Nigel Trainor (NT) *via Zoom*

Karen Sadler (KS)

Stephen Meredith (SM) *via Zoom*

Keith Brown (KB)

Catherine McManus (CM)

Steve Tate (STT)

Fiona Hodgson (FH)

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator

Clive Phillips (CP) – Treasurer (Finance agenda)

APOLOGIES

WELCOME

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 9am.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The E.C adopted the agenda and noted additional agenda items:

Moved: BH – Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The E.C noted the Conflicts of Interest register.

EMAIL VOTES

Four recent email vote:

1. Approval for NZDAC: Suspension of Agility Regulation 11.3.9 – Ratified 11 votes;
2. NZDJA: Margaret Wilson Promotion to Junior Showman Panel – Ratified 10 votes;
3. NZDJA: Promotion to Toys / Terriers / Samoyed Specialist / Non Sporting Panels – Ratified 11 votes; and
4. HVKC: Application to hold benefit show Easter Weekend 2022 – Declined 7 votes.

Moved: KB; Seconded: STT – Adopted

DECEASED MEMBERS

The E.C noted the list of deceased members; June Catton (Hamilton Life Member); Lorraine Russell (Lower Hutt); Ray Adcock (Dunsandel); Junell Moss (Christchurch); Ann Coldrick (New Plymouth); Robin Smith (Wellington); Joan Hewinson (Christchurch); Leeanne Lyons (Auckland); David Smith (Australia, FCI Judge Auckland March 2022).

OCTOBER 2021 / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 5 October 2021 meeting minutes.

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH – Moved

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Moved: JB; Seconded: PJ – Adopted

2. FINANCE

FINANCE UPDATE**Treasurer's Report**

- **30 October 2021**

Report provided by Clive Phillips (CP).

FINANCE UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 – FINANCIAL RESULTS

September – Deficit for month - greater than budget expectation

September Actual Revenue less than Budget by \$9.9k. Dogs NZ will experience more revenue shortfalls over the coming months due to Covid-19 restrictions.

September Actual Expenditure unfavourable compared to budget by (\$1.9k).

Dogs NZ head office unfavourable expenditure due to absorbing sale of property and office relocation expenses of \$27.4k in September. YTD this expenditure totals \$41k. These are unbudgeted expenditure directly arising from the decision to sell Prosser Street.

Actual Year to Date Revenue favourable compared to budget by \$21.1k.

Operations that favourable compared to Budget Revenue for the Year

Dogs NZ head office \$20.3k, CGC \$0.5k, Gazette \$10.3k, & Obedience (all regions) \$8.1k.

Dogs NZ head office favourable revenue due to registry, Sundry Income & web advertising. Gazette's due to non-member advertising & Schedule income. Obedience due to increased activities –show entries, benefit show & show levies.

Operations that unfavourable compared to Budget Revenue for the Year

AEC (\$3.5k), Dunedin (\$5.7k), Wellington (\$8.4k) & Agility (\$4.6k).

AEC due to lower car parking revenue. The Dunedin revenue shortfall is a timing issue –benefit show budgeted in September postponed. The Wellington Property revenue shortfall due to a decision not to invoice the annual car parking fees pending a decision on the future of the building -\$8k.

Actual Year to Date Expenditure favourable compared to budget by \$25.3k.

Operations favourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD

AEC \$21.1k, Dunedin \$3.3k, Wellington \$4.8k, Agility \$3.9k, CGC \$1.5k & JDT \$0.6k. AEC due to underspend on R & M so maybe timing difference. Dunedin underspend is benefit show exps which again is timing difference.

Operations unfavourable compared to Budget Expenditure YTD

Dogs NZ HO \$0.7k, Gazette \$3.9k due to postage/courier, & Obedience – all regions \$2.6k due to general & show exps.

Balance Sheet REMAINS STRONG - Cash and Property rich

Total cash to end of September \$2,360k, up \$698k since end of last financial year (March 2021).

Summary of Group Financial Results: – Income minus Expenditure**Monthly Results: -** Deficit unfavourable compared to Budget and Last Year's Actual.

<u>September Month:- Income less Expenditure</u>				
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>		
(\$36,035)	(\$24,215)	(\$3,135)		
<u>Year To Date :- Income less Expenditure before Depreciation</u>			<u>Full Year 2020-2021</u>	
<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
\$85,495	\$39,128	\$189,559	(\$63,573)	(\$17,206)

Actual YTD results:-

- Favourable compared to Budget By:- \$46,367

- Unfavourable compared to Last Year Actual By:- (\$105,064)

<u>Analysis YTD September 2021</u>						
	<u>Number</u>			<u>Income</u>		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Litter Notification	942	931	1%	32,562	33,031	-1%
Registrations	4,885	4,704	4%	128,689	124,338	3%
Transfers	3,811	3,196	19%	65,475	60,967	7%
Imports	158	159	-1%	14,956	14,939	0%
Exports	129	84	54%	11,682	6,939	68%
Overall Total	<u>9,925</u>	<u>9,074</u>	9%	<u>253,364</u>	<u>240,214</u>	5%

Detailed Analysis**Dogs NZ (NZKC):- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$19.6k****Income** \$20.3k FAVOURABLE to budget YTD.**Expenses** (\$0.7k) UNFAVOURABLE to budget YTD.**AEC:- FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by \$17.7k****Income** (\$3.5k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Expenses** \$21.1k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.**Dunedin:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$3.3k)****Income** (\$5.7k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$3.3k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Wellington Property UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD by (\$2.6k)

Income (\$8.4) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$4.8k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Gazette:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$6.3k

Income \$10.3k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses (\$3.9k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Agility:- UNFAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by (\$0.7k)

Income (\$4.6k) UNFAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

Expenses \$3.9k FAVOURABLE compared to budget YTD.

JDT & JDS:- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$0.8k

Obedience (all regions):- FAVOURABLE compared to Budget YTD by \$5.4k

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

- Cash balances INCREASED \$698.1k since 31 March 2021. Approximately \$550k results from Property sale deposit net of sales commission paid.
- Debtors \$82k less than at the end of last financial year. There is \$0.2K in the 3 month overdue category and \$1.4k in the Four month and older balances. **The majority of the over dues are infringement penalties resulting from issues brought to EC attention and unpaid club levies.**
- Prepayments \$178k (expenses paid in advance) - \$140.9k greater than end of last financial year. The \$178k is comprised of Sybiz (financial computer system) licence fees for 21/22 year \$2.2k, Annual Insurance Premiums \$70.6k, Prosser Street Sales Commission \$97.5k, New Head Office rent paid in advance \$7.1k and \$0.5k of flight travel credits expected from Covid-19 cancelled flights
- Accrued Staff Benefits \$62.8k represents the annual leave owing to staff. This has increased \$18.8k since 31 March 2021
- Receipts Received in Advance figure \$801.2k on the balance sheet comprises the total of Receipts in Advance \$768.2k and Deferred Income Sponsorship \$33k

The main items comprising the Receipts in Advance total are:-

Purina Sponsorship \$33k -This will be released into accounts in equal monthly instalments in new financial year

Obedience Regions NDOA monies \$26.9k - \$1.6k Nthn, \$14.7k Centrl, \$10.6k Sthn to be held until their next respective NDOA event.

Gazette advertising paid in advance \$5.8k

Bequest received by AEC \$30k – planned to be used for yet to be determined capital / R & M project.

Agility NZDAC entries received in advance of event \$49.5k

Dunedin Benefit Show \$2.5k

FCI Chch Show \$1.7k

JDT annual camp 2022 \$1.8k

Deposit Received for Sale of Prosser Street \$650k

RE: 30 October 2021 Accounts

Financial Accounts for the period to 31 October 2021, Sale & Relocation expense as at 31 Oct 21, Term Deposit details as at Oct 21 and October Registry data were presented to E.C.

Report provided by Clive Phillips (CP).

We recorded a \$2.6k deficit in October 2021. This was favourable compared to the October budget by \$5.7k. Year to Date the actual surplus remains favourable compared to budget by \$52.1k.

Dogs NZ's operating results continue to track better than budget at the end of the Seven month mark. In fact the 7 month result is better than reported as included in Dogs NZ head office expenses are \$42k of expenses relating to the sale of Prosser Street (approx. \$11.5k) and the relocation of head office to the new offices (approx. \$30.5k) which have been absorbed but were not included in the budget. Note, I have attached a breakdown of these expenses for your information.

The October result provides an early indication of the improved financial benefit to the organisation once the sale of Prosser Street is completed in December. My estimate is a \$4k to \$5k per month improvement due to lower operating costs.

The main risk area, in my opinion for the remainder of the current financial year, is how much less than budget show levy revenue will be due to the impact of the Covid 19 restrictions. October Show Levy revenues were \$5.8k under budget in October and are \$13.3k less than budget YTD.

The September and October monthly results confirm my broad reforecasting which indicates the relocation of Head office will have no impact on the current year's financial operating result. On the other hand the reduction in show levy income over the second half of the year is likely to have an adverse impact of between \$24k to \$30k.

Notes relating to the balance sheet:-

\$166.5k in prepayments - represented by approx. \$100k of sales commission paid on sale of Prosser Street and \$63.5k of Insurance premiums. A portion of the prepaid insurance premium will be refunded after settlement date of 20 Dec. The remaining balance is a collection of sundry prepaid items which includes \$2.8k of airfare credits.

\$767k in Receipts in Advance - comprised of \$650k deposit paid on sale of Prosser Street, a bequest to AEC of \$30k (this will be used to fund a yet to be decided AEC capital project). There is also \$83.2k of show entries received for future show events. These include NDOA, NZDAC, FCI, Dunedin benefit show and JDT camp 2022. Some of this money will be refunded due to event cancellation while the remainder will be recognised as revenue when the event is held. Note, NDOA was held in October but financial results are not available yet.

CP spoke to his report noting he received further questions from NT that he responded to via email copying all of E.C.

BH questioned cash reserves which CP noted were placed in short term deposit so we could have flexibility for future investment decisions.

CP noted that while revenue across the board was under budget we will see real impact of no longer having the cost of the Wellington venue in the remaining months of the current FY. Preparation has started for the FY2022-2023 budget with budget templates distributed to committees, seeking feedback by 15 January 2022.

The Dog World (Gazette) financials were discussed as well as the efforts by the Auckland Exhibition Centre committee to increase revenue.

The E.C discussed and noted the financial report as at 30 September 2021 as well as the 30 October 2021 Accounts.

Information Only
Report Received

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS & PRESENTATIONS

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

A report provided by the Director Secretary made the following recommendations regarding the appointment of an Investment Manager for Dogs NZ cash surplus while we explore any future property assets acquisitions that we may want to make:

- E.C. make a decision to appoint an Investment Manager at the November Council meeting.
- Management work with the Investment Manager to develop a Statement of Investment Policy & Objectives (SIPO) that will set out the investment governance and management framework, strategies and objectives of our investment portfolio.
- The draft SIPO is reviewed by RAF committee, and after approval by E.C. is made available to members via Dog-iE news and our website.
- \$1.5m of the portfolio is placed in liquid short term cash type investments so that we have funds to draw on for asset purchases in the next 12 months.

After two presentations by Investment Management firms and discussion of the Director Secretary report Executive Council made the following motion:

NT moved that:

We appoint Forysth Barr to set up a Discretionary Investment Management service (DIMS) fund to invest 7million dollars (balanced fund approximately 60/40 split) on settlement of sale of property.

BH asked each E.C. member to individually vote their preference before the motion was approved.

Moved: NT; Seconded: JB – approved

The E.C noted KS abstained from the vote stating she felt she needed further information before making an educated decision.

3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

SHOW SCHEDULE REVIEW

- **Covid Event Policies Review & Event Passport Proposal Paper**
- **2021/22 Show Calendar Update report & Postponed / Cancelled show protocols**
- **Letter RE: Conformation shows level 2**

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: COVID Event Polices & Vaccine Certificates Discussion Paper

1. Background:

I would like in this discussion paper to provide a frame work for Executive Council to make decisions regarding the hosting of Dogs NZ events and activities under the new Government COVID Traffic Light System.

I have attached a summary of the Green / Orange / Red system as taken from the Government Website. Further information regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Traffic Light system and the roll-out of Vaccine Certificates (including what format they will take) is not expected until late November / early December.

In summary the Traffic Light COVID System proposes a two tier system for indoor/outdoor events (which is what Dogs NZ activities are classed as) depending on if your event requires vaccination certificates or not:

Traffic Light Level	Event Requires Vaccination Certificates	Event Does not require Vaccine Certification
Green	No participation limits	Limited to 100 participants 1 mtr physical distancing
Orange	No participation limits	Unable to operate
Red	Limited to 100 participants 1 mtr physical distancing	Unable to operate

- Record keeping and scanning will be required at all levels.
- Face covering is recommended at Green and mandatory at Orange & Red.

2. Assumptions

Since the current vaccine is *non-sterilizing* (The vaccinated can both receive and spread the virus) I expect that we will bounce between Orange and Red for the next 18 months as transmission spreads and after that period be permanently at Green until the virus mutates into a less virulent "flu like" strain or sterilizing vaccines are developed.

The current Traffic Light information is silent on booster shots (recent UK research indicates a 200 day effective window for the vaccine before any "protection" drops to the non-vaccinated level) but we can expect that the definition of "vaccinated" for the purpose of certificates will require booster shots just like in Israel.

At present the Government has no vaccination certificate policy for children under 12 but if we follow the USA policy that may change and will have an impact on our Junior Sports events and camps.

3. What Are Dogs NZ Objectives with Our COVID Event Policies?

- To be able to continue our activities in a manner that values the health and safety of our participants and follows Government guidelines and policies.
- That we continue to be an inclusive organization and avoid any mandates that could be divisive and cause a split in our membership.

4. Recommendations

The National Office recommends the following actions and policies:

- We revise our current COVID Event Guidelines to be in line with the new Traffic Light system and circulate them to members via Dog-iE news and our website.
- We build a Vaccine Certificate tick box in the online show programme for clubs/shows which wish to request proof of vaccination for participants.
- That we leave the decision for the requirement of proof of Vaccine Certificates for any members participating in show events to individual clubs (i.e. clubs if they wish, can hold shows / activities without a vaccine certificate requirement if they abide by the participant limits).
- Enforcement of any proof of Vaccine Certificates rest with the Show Manger and Show Committee.

- The same policy of leaving the decision for requirement for proof of Vaccine Certificates to individual clubs applies for any dog training activities.
- Any Vaccine Certificate requirements only apply to show/event attendees 12 yrs & over until the Government releases a vaccine policy for under 12's.
- We only place limits on conformation show schedules because of judges availability issues due to international border restrictions.

The E.C discussed the report and the attached traffic light system document. FH spoke that we should mandate that any attending All breeds shows have to have a vaccine certificate.

NT moved that E.C. adopt the Director Secretary's recommendation.

Moved: NT; Seconded: STT – moved

FH disagreed with the recommendation that we leave the decision to clubs reading Vaccine certificates for shows and events to Clubs. Due to the proposed government traffic light system, we can't run an all-breeds champ show in the current form unless you mandate all attendees have a vaccine certificate.

PJ noted that it was difficult in Dog events to keep the 1 metre distance so a vaccination mandate is the only way forward.

NT spoke to the motion. We cannot do it from the registration system. We will have to do it from the gate.

Revised Motion:

That all Dogs NZ events must only run as fully vaccinated events under the government traffic light guidelines:

- Enforcement of any proof of vaccine certificates rest with the event management committee.

Moved: NT; Seconded: STT – carried

ST discussed the communication around the decision which will involve DogiE News, NZ Dog World and a letter to all Clubs directly. ST will circulate to E.C prior to going out.

Report Received

RE: 2021/22 Conformation Show Calendar Review & Cancelled / Postponed Show Protocols

Background:

I would like in this paper to provide Executive Council with a report on the key cancellation / postponement issues we have faced in rescheduling events due to COVID restrictions. I would also like in this paper to outline the protocols the National Office are using, together with the Show regulations to help us manage the rescheduling of postponed club shows.

1. 2021/22 Conformation Show Calendar Review

The decision to cancel all conformation showing from 11 October 2021 when the region is at Alert Level 2 or higher and the continued lockdown of the Auckland/Waikato region in Level 3 has led to many clubs postponing or cancelling scheduled shows.

All postponements that have requested have been added to the show calendar for the months January/February/March 2022 to comply with the resolution of the Executive Council at their

November 2020 meeting - every club to hold 1 championship show and at least 1 open show between the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

We now have All Breed clubs holding shows on each weekend during the first three months of the 2022. A number of All Breed Clubs who do not usually hold their shows with any other clubs have combined and some Clubs are surprised that it was not as bad as they feared and that exhibitors enjoyed it.

The unavailability of overseas judges due to border travel restrictions do not appear to have been a major factor in postponements or cancellations of shows. Most clubs have realistically decided that if they want to have a show, then New Zealand judges are perfectly fine. If travel restrictions continues there is a real risk of the same judges being used too frequently and exhibitors choosing not to enter under the same judge again.

Due to COVID Alert levels, many shows held by All Breed Clubs have not been held in their traditional show date according to the 5 Year show calendar. However, despite the best efforts of some clubs (and some have rescheduled their shows up to 3 time) not all of them will be able to fulfil the requirement to host 1 championship show and at least 1 open show between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

There is also no guarantee that the rescheduled shows in the New Year will take place if COVID level 3 Restrictions are expanded into new regions. Some Clubs have scheduled their shows from April 2022 and thus will have not held a championship or open show in the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Recommendation:

The National Office recommends that Executive Council forgo any punitive action against the clubs that have scheduled their shows and have had them postponed or cancelled in the **1 April 2020** to 31 March 2022 period. Our view is that they have done the best that they can in the current circumstances.

Moved: BH – ratified

E.C. discussed the recommendation that for those All Breed clubs who have not attempted to schedule a championship or open show in that period (as per the report to the September E.C. meeting) unless there is an effort made to reschedule in the remainder of 2022 any show application for 2023 will be declined.

2. Office Protocols for Postponement / Cancellation of Shows

As the situation is likely to stay the same for some time yet the National office will continue to implement the following protocols for the cancellation/postponement of shows:

1. As soon as practicable club to contact Dogs New Zealand by email requesting the cancellation/postponement of their show/event
2. Cancellation/postponement to be publicised via Dog iE News, website club notice, Dogs NZ Facebook and NZ Dog World (if time permits). The Clubs have a responsibility to contact all exhibitors who have entered the show.
3. Clubs nominate possible rescheduled date which are vetted by Dogs NZ National Office and the final date confirmed by Dogs NZ in writing before the club can announce the date.
4. Date changed in Dogs NZ show diary after club has run cancellation instructions if club was using Dogs NZ online show programme (if the date is cancelled or postponed before these are run then no data is left for refunds etc).
5. New schedule is not required unless the club wishes to submit one and normal fees would apply.

6. New date and any changed details publicised via Dog iE News, website
7. We are permitting changes of All Breed Club show dates outside of their normal show dates as per the current 5 Year calendar.

The E.C discussed and agreed with the 2021/22 Conformation Show Calendar Review & Cancelled / Postponed Show Protocols.

Report Received

LETTER RE CONFORMATION SHOWS LEVEL 2

Letter received from Claire McBride (CMcB).

The E.C noted Claire McBride's letter addressed to ST on 21 October 2021.

Information Only
Report Received

CGC ASSESSEMENT REVAMP PROPOSALS

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB)

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN - Including the Canine Good Basics Programme

CGC Mission

Creating well-mannered dogs and encouraging responsible owners.

CGC Purpose

The purpose of CGC programme is to ensure that our favourite companion, the dog, can be a respected member of the community because it is trained and conditioned to act with good manners in the home, public places and in the presence of other dogs and animals.

An optional preliminary assessment programme termed Canine Good Basics may also be available through your local Canine Good Citizen Training Provider.

Canine Good Basics

The overall expectation is that the dog passing should be considered nice natured and not aggressive - A 'trustworthy' dog.

Introduction

The first CGC Foundation Awards was completed in November 2003 with the programme gaining momentum from the beginning of 2004. As of 11th July 2021 2050 unique dogs have gained CGC Awards.

The first CGC Committee Chairperson who at the same time also happened to be the Dog Obedience Committee Chairperson, stated that CGC was to remain separate from Obedience, and this has continued to be the case to the present.

What has been Achieved

CGC has on several occasions been invited to present to the Local Governance NZ Conferences. There is opportunity to develop this relationship further. Support for CGC is varied across Local Authorities. Some discount CGC dogs, some support Clubs with funding for train the trainer. Others have yet to realise the benefits of the CGC programme. At least one Local Authority has required a successful Canine Good Basics assessment as a criterion for lifting a menacing dog status.

In 2021 CGC titles were elevated from “merit” to “award” which allows CGC titles to be displayed on pedigrees and Award Certificates.

The Manual is currently under review. This has included surveying all listed CGC Assessors about each of the 36 exercises across Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold. The agreed revisions and changes will be launched in 2022.

Kennel and Breed Associations are beginning to become Recognised CGC Providers, offering both training and assessments. This is an area that has the potential to grow significantly with support from the CGC Committee.

A closer working relationship has been developed with the Dogs NZ Office. This has freed the Committee up to focus on developing the programme.

Biennial Conferences have been held however Covid-19 meant there was not conference in 2020. The Committee is considering a range of options for conferences in a pandemic world. One option is a North and South Island Conference. Video Conferencing is also an option. To maintain Assessor Status Assessors are required to attend two out of three conferences.

Vision

To provide an established and recognized, responsible dog ownership programme to ALL dog owners.

To promote the CGC programme through all recognized Dogs NZ Societies, with an emphasis on Obedience, Agility, Kennel and Breed Associations.

To promote and allow Canine Assistance and Care organisations an opportunity to be involved in the CGB/CGC programme as part of their internal assessment criteria.

Governance

The CGC Committee is a committee of the Dogs NZ Executive Council (EC) and should continue to be so. It is a programme that actively and exclusively promotes responsible dog ownership. The strength of CGC is that it is a unique programme that transcends all other Dogs NZ dog disciplines.

Formalised activities are overseen by various Dogs NZ Committees specific for each unique activity and CGB/CGC should not be viewed any differently. To move CGB/CGC into another established committee simply relegates the status of CGB/CGC administration into the category of a subcommittee, and its ability to function effectively or without hindrance of extraneous issues that are unrelated to CGB/CGC, its ability to function well deteriorates. There is also the added risk that expertise on CGB/CGC matters is lost.

In addition, considering what has been achieved since 2003 by the CGC Committee in developing and promoting the programme it should remain directly governed by the Dogs NZ EC as a unique and specific programme.

It is also recommended that EC mandate the CGC Committee to take responsibility for the Canine Good Basics Programme.

The E.C discussed the CGC Revamp Assessment Revamp Proposals and the recommended changes.

KS spoke to this noting that Assessors were the only ones consulted on the recommended changes. FH noted she cannot tell what is changed and there is no process in place to change regulations regardless of where they are.

KS noted originally foundation tested the dogs' temperament and she is not happy with point 17 moving.

NT moves that these formats be put out to members for consultation. The E.C noted a summary of the changes to go out to all members for consultation with a rationale for doing so.

Moved: NT: Seconded: KB – ratified
Report Received

SCENT WORK REVAMP

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

Past, Present and Future of Dogs NZ Scent Work

Introduction

Dogs NZ Scent Work was founded upon work done by the Australian Kennel Council, who had in turn based their work on what had been developed by the American Kennel Club.

As has been established here in New Zealand, Scent Work is viewed as an autonomous Division by each of these two countries National Kennel authorities (as is also the case in Canada). Why should New Zealand be any different?

Dogs NZ Scent Work was established as an independent Committee under the direct authority of the Dogs NZ Executive Council (EC) in November 2019. This enabled it to continue as an autonomous Dogs NZ Division under the guidance of the Dogs NZ EC to becoming currently the fastest growing Dogs NZ Division, attracting not only members from every other Dogs NZ Divisions but also from the general public who were not formerly Dogs NZ Members.

Such growth already achieved would not have been achieved were it not for its autonomy from other Dogs NZ Divisions and to consider this an option now would be to not only destroy much of what has already been established, but also severely curtail any further future development.

Dogs NZ Scent Work has connections with all the Dogs NZ Divisions, and because of its uniqueness, no other single division can govern Dogs NZ Scent Work alone without considerable cross division negotiation.

For this reason, Dogs NZ Scent Work needs to remain an independent Dogs NZ Division, directly responsible to the Dogs NZ EC.

Status

Dogs NZ Scent Work features activities that are unique from any other Dogs NZ Code and therefore should and cannot be considered a sub-section of any other Dogs NZ Code.

Dogs NZ Scent Work has its own set of Regulations which have since its inception two years ago, apart from a small number of tweaking, has proven to be extremely robust under considerable testing.

Dogs NZ Scent Work must remain an autonomous division of Dogs NZ to maintain what has been achieved, and to pursue the goals yet to be reached (which are considerable).

Vision

In the short time since Dogs NZ Scent Work became officially recognized, there have been numerous Introduction to Dogs NZ Scent Work workshops held all over the country. This has not only inspired many from all Dogs NZ Divisions and the general public to become interested, and in turn motivated the introduction of Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.

Taking a cautious approach (which remains its intent), Dogs NZ Scent Work began with the introduction of Novice Container Scent Work Trials. Based upon its immediate positive uptake, twelve months later (delayed by COVID-19 by six months), the Dogs NZ EC endorsed the introduction of four further Scent Work Classes. These being Novice Interior; Novice Exterior; Novice Vehicle and Advanced Containers. Already these Classes have proven to be immensely popular and well attended at Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials for which Awards and Titles can be achieved. It is the intent of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee to ask the Dogs NZ EC for endorsement, on an annual basis (at their April EC meetings), for the introduction of a further four levels of Scent Work Classes. This would continue until endorsement is eventually gained for all twenty International recognized Scent Work Classes are established.

Introduction is deliberately cautious to allow for the establishment of all appropriate training to be achieved, which includes participant training, instructor training, judges training and hosting society obligations.

Over time, it is also hoping to engender stronger ties with the Australian Kennel Council's Scent Work Division, which is why there is representation on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

What is envisioned for the future of Dogs NZ Scent Work requires an autonomous committee, directly responsible to the Dogs NZ EC. To subserviate Dogs NZ Scent Work within another Dogs NZ Division would simply further complicate an already complex introduction programme by creating unnecessary avenues to have to work through.

Committee

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee consists of seven Dogs NZ members, one who is (and shall always remain) an EC Representative. This committee is directly responsible to the Dogs NZ EC and should remain so to preserve its uniqueness and maintain its status. This is in keeping with every other National Kennel Organization Internationally who have Scent Work as one of their Divisions.

In recognition of the close liaison established with the Australian Kennel Council regarding Scent Work, one position on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee is filled by the AKC Scent Work representative. A position that would probably be lost were the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee to become amalgamated into another Dogs NZ Division.

Also, in recognition of the close liaison Dogs NZ Scent Work has with Central Search Dogs (CSD) (who initiated Dogs NZ involvement in the very beginning), a position on the committee has been retained for their representation. Again, a position likely to be lost if the Scent Work Committee were to be absorbed into another division.

All members of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee are appointed through the Dogs NZ EC and include the annual appointment Scent Work Committee Chairperson and EC Representative.

The Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee is responsible for all administration pertaining to Dogs NZ Scent Work which includes (but not exclusively):

- Scent Work Regulations updating.
- Scent Work training of Judges; Trainers; Participants.
- Authorization of Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.
- Maintaining of Dogs NZ Scent Work Registers for members, recording such aspects as Scent

Work workshop participation, Scent Work trials participation, Awards and Titles earned.

Aside from an annual face to face meeting established this year (2021), the Scent Work Committee has to date discussed matters electronically as required but is currently also viewing the utilization of Zoom meetings.

Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges

From a small base of individuals who had received International Scent Work training or were members of CSD, a small number of individuals were initially appointed to the Dogs NZ Novice Container Panel. Subsequent ongoing training of some of this group has permitted them to be recently appointed to all Dogs NZ Novice Classes and Advanced Containers. Ongoing instruction is being provided to admit more Scent Work Judges and promote those existents on the Panel.

A very significant and rigorous First Appointment and Promotion programme has been endorsed to ensure quality Scent Work Judges.

All administration concerning Scent Work Judges applications for First appointments and promotions are dealt with through the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

If the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee were to be absorbed into another division, then this would add a further unnecessary step in Scent Work Judges appointments and promotions and cause considerable delay in the process. A scenario that would impact very negatively on the current small number of suitably qualified Scent Work Judges. To instigate any hastening would also destroy the quality of what has so far been achieved.

Seminars

An inaugural Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Conference was held in Wellington earlier this year and attended by fourteen of the then sixteen Panel listed Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges, at their own expense. Such was the enthusiasm to embrace an autonomous Dogs NZ Division.

Aside from a very clear indication that they wished to remain part of an autonomous division for reasons of administration, there was unanimous endorsement for what to date had been achieved and for the anticipated future direction of Dogs NZ Scent Work, which was outlined during the conference.

This conference also incorporated an ability to host a Dogs NZ Judges training workshop to enable those attending to make another step towards gaining promotion on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Panel.

The success of this conference established a commitment to host such conferences on an annual basis at various locations (with Wellington again slotted for 2022 and Christchurch for 2023).

A second day was also utilized to enable the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee to have a face-to-face meeting which again reiterated the desire to maintain its autonomous standing, given that the Dogs NZ Scent Work members were spread over a substantially diverse range of Dogs NZ disciplines as well as from the public sector. It was (and continues to be) a belief that no current singular current Dogs NZ Division could adequately address the unique requirements of Dogs NZ Scent Work.

Admin

Dogs NZ Scent Work is primarily administered by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee. However, this is also considerably assisted through a very close liaison with various Dogs NZ Staff. This includes Colleen Begg (for Registration purposes), Clive Phillips (for financial assistance); Sue Conner (for website development and administration); Marilyn Head (for Titles and Awards), and Derek Johnson (for Dogs NZ Scent Work publicity). This is not to ignore considerable assistance having also been received from other Dogs NZ staff as well as individual EC members. An established rapport which cannot be sustained in the current manner were Dogs NZ Scent Work relegated to that of becoming a subcommittee within another Dogs NZ Division.

The workload is considerable, particularly given the newness of this discipline, and would only become further burdened if the current relationships established were required to work through additional channels required by other Divisions.

Website

From the creation of Dogs NZ Scent Work, considerable work has been done on developing an effective Dogs NZ Scent Work webpage. This has been established through considerable assistance given by Sue Conner.

The Dogs NZ Scent Work webpage has, since its launching, been considerably applauded and even been touted as a potential model for other Divisions to follow.

It is again a reflection of this Divisions uniqueness, which should be maintained, including its direct relationship with the Dogs NZ EC.

Desire

As stated from the outset and throughout this paper, the desire of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee is to remain an autonomous Division of Dogs NZ. It is sincerely believed that this is the only way Dogs NZ Scent Work will continue to grow and flourish. It is very certainly not only the sentiment expressed by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, but also the considerably vast majority opinion of its participants.

The E.C discussed the Scent Work Revamp Proposals and

Scent work to communicate to KS (Dog Training) so they know what is going on. JB quite happy to take responsibility and communicate in future.

Moved: SM; Seconded: JB – Report Adopted
Report Received – Information Only

DRAFT MASSEY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH MOU

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

ST spoke to this item and noted once he has finished discussions with Massey, the second draft will go to Canine Health & Welfare for review. ST is aiming for the final MOU to be ratified at the February 2022 E.C. meeting.

Information Only
Report Received

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ADVISORY COUNCIL PROPOSAL

Proposal Paper provided by Lynette Baker (LB).

The GSDAC would respectfully like Dogs NZ to consider the GSDAC proposal in recognising the GSDAC schemes awards and other contributions for the betterment of the breed. This is not an appeal to have our status changed to be in competition with clubs as we do not intend to run shows.

Background

The GSDAC committee consist of GSD NZ accredited specialist judges, and breeders of GSD's. Its members are from Specialist German Shepherd Clubs, owners and breeders throughout New Zealand.

The GSDAC role and function is to promote and support clubs, owners and breeders for the betterment of the breed.

The GSDAC has many schemes in which the breed promotion and direction can be implemented. The council offers its members several awards and schemes in which members can participate and receive.

The main reasons for this request to have the GSDA council schemes recognised are as follows

1. The GSDAC main objective is to support all members, and clubs for the betterment of the breed, this includes the new initiatives like LRL.
2. We do not want to interfere or impede with the running of any of the clubs. We see the GSDAC role is one of support and wish to have the schemes like surveying, structural assessments, working qualifications, endurance dog titles and awards recognised by Dogs NZ.
3. The GSDAC want to be able to support and have an opinion on the future health and wellbeing of the German Shepherd Dog in New Zealand, as stated earlier with respect to the current initiative of LRL.

BH spoke to this report and noted that it would require a major re-write of software as our current registry database cannot cope with the proposed award scheme on pedigree certificates.

NT believes we should appreciate and congratulate GSDAC for all that they are doing but make a note about the tattooing likely to be perceived as an animal welfare issue.

The E.C agreed to this and ST to write to them with the outcome.

Moved: NT; Seconded: SM – declined
Report Received

4. REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS RELATED TO UNRECOGNISED SHOWS

Report provided by Fiona Hodgson (FH).

BH spoke to this item as he believes it opens a massive can of worms. BH suggests we thank FH for all her work but we do not do anything further with this.

The E.C discussed and noted that we set this aside for now.

On hold
Report Received

SCENT WORK REGULATION AMENDMENTS

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB)

Scent Work Regulation Changes to be presented at November 2021 EC meeting

4.10 Excess Entries

In the event that a hosting Society receives a greater number of entries than is permissible for a Scent Work Judge to judge, and an additional Scent Work Judge is not available, then the hosting Society may either:

- a. Accept entries on a first received first accepted basis, or
 - b. Conduct a ballot of received entries within one day of the scheduled closing date.
- 4.10.1 Conditions of selection is to be specified in the Scent Work Trials Schedule, and handlers advised of entry acceptance or denial within forty-eight hours.
- 4.10.2 In the event of a handler being denied an entry, a full refund of any entry fees paid is to be provided.

Rationale:

Given the current small number of Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges available, combined with the exceptional popularity of participation, there currently exists a potential for entries to exceed judging limitations. This proposed Regulation addition provides a means to deal with the current situation and mimics International Scent Work Trial practices.

4.11 Replacement Judge

In the event of unforeseen circumstances which prevent the scheduled judge from officiating, a replacement Scent Work Judge may be appointed by the hosting Society's Trial committee and if practicable all participants must be advised prior to the show.

4.12 Change of Scheduled Judge

If a replacement Scent Work Judge is used but not listed in the original schedule, a participant may withdraw from the Scent Work Trials affected and any entry fee paid refunded provided the applicant requests such a refund on or before the date of the Scent Work Trial.

Rationale

It was pointed out that currently there are no equivalent regulations in the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations that equates with those that exist in other Dogs NZ Codes to determine what happens in the event of an appointed Scent Work Judge being faced with excess entry numbers or being unable to fulfil their contract. These proposed additional regulations correct this.

6.3.1 Scent Work Novice (SN)

Delete

~~**6.3.1 Scent Work Novice (SN)**~~

~~After a dog has gained a total of six qualifying Novice Scent Detection Certificates in at least three of the five classes, under at least two different Judges, may after endorsement by Dogs New Zealand, add the letters SN after its name.~~

and replace with:

6.3.1 Scent Work Novice (SN)

A total of **Six** Novice Scent Detection Certificates is required to achieve this Title.

No more than **two** Novice container Certificates (one of each configuration) may be counted towards this Title.

In Addition, a further **four** Scent Detection Certificates (in a minimum of **two classes**), in the remaining four classes, under at least two different Judges, may after endorsement by Dogs New Zealand, add the letters SN after its name.

Rationale

The intent had always been to make the Title SN more significant than each individual Class Award. Especially since it encompasses a minimum of three Classes. However, the current Regulation wording allows for the SN Title to be earned significantly easier than a Class Award and in a very much shorter time frame.

9.14.1 Penalty points may be applied for:

- Dropping the long line
- Tangling the long line
- Picking up and mouthing of the scent sample by the dog
- Handler or dog intentional Displacement of articles in the search areas
- Tipping over the container. The dog will not however be penalised for touching the containers with nose or paw.
- **Not calling “Alert” after a participant’s dog indicates the location of a Target Odour within the time requirements for the Class being judged.**

Rationale

It is a Scent Work Regulation requirement that a participant indicates to the Scent Work Judge the belief that their dog has located the Target Odour within a specified time limit. If this does not occur, a handler may be disqualified for failing to locate the Target Odour within a specified time, since timing continues until the appropriate call is made by the handler.

On most occasions, such a fault may be the result of handler anxiety or over exuberance, and a disqualification in such situations is considered excessive.

9.14.2 A disqualification will be recorded if:

- Any handler or dog is found in any of the search areas before their search.
- A dog defecates or urinates in the search area.
- A container is destroyed (i.e., the judge deems the container unusable).
- The handler leaves the designated work area in any trial before locating and alerting on the Target Odour.
- ~~Food or toys, or any non-permitted training aid is taken into the search area.~~
- A handler or dog shows aggression to others.
- Excessive corrections are displayed.
- An alert is given but the handler is unable to say where the scent sample is located.
- Any person, other than the Judge, introduces scent samples into the search area.
- Handler talks to the judge while in the search area, unless responding to a question asked of them by the Judge.
- The dog has not completed the search in the designated time.
- Competitor equipment is non-compliant.

Rationale:

With the advent of Advanced Classes and in keeping with International Scent Work Regulations (predominantly Australia) who permit between "Hide" indications as a means to maintain motivation, a change to the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations concerning "Rewards" has been recommended by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

10.2 Informal Entries

At the discretion of a Society hosting a Recognized Dogs NZ Scent Work Trial, they may accept entries from participants wishing to participate in a Scent Work Class they have previously qualified in with an understanding that such entries will not prejudice formal entries and shall not be recognized for qualification and placing purposes or attract prizes. Such entries shall however be recognized as an entry for Entry Limitation purposes and levy's.

Current 10.2 – 10.6 would need to be renumbered.

Rationale:

Coinciding with a current limitation of Classes offered, there has been an increasing demand by participants wishing to still be permitted to enter Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials with the knowledge that such participation is for enjoyment purposes only. This regulation would allow for such entries to be permitted without prejudice to those entitled to enter but still provide financial remuneration for the hosting society and Dogs NZ.

10.6 Rewards

- 10.6.1** When a dog correctly finds the hide, the handler may reward their dog with a food or toy. However, rewards may be used for the purpose of reward only and may not be used to bait or guide the dog toward a specific search location.
- 10.6.2** A handler may reward at or away from source. However, care must be taken not to contaminate the search area with any food particles or dog saliva.
- 10.6.3** If a toy is used, they must not be of a type that can make a noise, and they must always stay in contact with the competitor (i.e., toys may not be thrown).

Rationale:

With the advent of Advanced Classes and in keeping with International Scent Work Regulations (predominantly Australia) who permit between "Hide" indications as a means to maintain motivation, a change to the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations concerning "Rewards" has been recommended by the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

~~**10.6 Contamination of the Search Area**~~~~**10.6.1 Contamination Fault**~~

~~Contamination of the search area is regarded as a disqualification.~~

10.7 Contamination of the Search Area

- 10.7.1** Any dropping of food or toy within a 15m radius of the search area, while rewarding a dog shall be considered a contamination of the search area and its immediate surrounds.
- 10.7.2** Contamination of the search area or its immediate surrounds (15m radius of search area) is regarded as a disqualification.

Rationale:

Should Rewards be permitted within the Search Area or its immediate surrounds, this regulation addition details the associated penalty if a contamination occurs.

~~10.6.2~~ **10.8 Cleaning Contamination in the Search Area**

If a search area is contaminated, every effort must be made to return the area to its original condition before the running of the next dog.

~~10.6.2.1~~ **10.8.1** If a dog eliminates in an indoor search area or its immediate surrounds (15m radius from search area), all surfaces, or objects in the affected area must be thoroughly cleaned with an enzymatic cleaner. If a dog eliminates in an outdoor search area, any small, affected objects such as rocks or sticks should be removed, and the ground should be sprayed with an enzymatic cleaner. In either event, at least one other area, of similar size, should also be wiped with the same enzymatic cleaner.

~~10.6.2.2~~ **10.8.2** If an area or object is contaminated by food residue or saliva, the food residue should be removed, and the area or object should be wiped down with water. Any container that is contaminated by significant food residue or significant saliva should be replaced.

Rationale:

Renumbers the current Regulations should the above recommendations for regulation changes be accepted.

The E.C discussed and approved the Scent Work Regulation and amendments.

Moved: JB Seconded: KB – Approved
Report Received

REGULATION REGULATIONS – INTERBREEDING OF SHORT & LONG COAT CHIHUAHUA

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: Registry Regulations Proposal: 10.2 Chihuahuas

Background:

Following consultation with Chihuahua breeders and owners, Breed Standards Committee advised the July Executive Council meeting to allow the registration of imported dogs containing mixed coat in their parentage and allow the inter-variety mating's of long & short coat Chihuahuas in New Zealand. This requires new Registry Regulations to be drafted and a review by Canine Health & Welfare to ensure that the scientific evidence is robust.

Current Regulation.

10.2 Chihuahuas.

Interbred Chihuahuas (including those registered in any other country in the World) will not be registered. A dog bred from Long Coated parents will only be registered as a Long Coat, but a dog bred from Smooth Coated parents will be registered as either coat variety. Once a registration has been made on a Breed Register it cannot later be changed to another Register irrespective of its coat at a later date.

Proposed Regulation (changes in red)

10.2 Chihuahuas.

~~Interbred Chihuahuas (including those registered in any other country in the World) will not be registered. A dog bred from solely from Long Coated parents will only be registered as a Long Coat, but a dog bred from Smooth Coated parents will be registered as either coat variety. Once a registration has been made on a Breed Register it cannot later be changed to another Register irrespective of its coat at a later date.~~

10.2.1 The interbreeding of Long and Smooth Coat Chihuahua will be approved for Registration purposes on either register for a period of ten years from the 1st January 2022. At the conclusion of this period this regulation will be reviewed

10.2.2 The registration of imported interbred Chihuahuas on either register is allowed.

10.2.3 Each individual progeny shall be registered as per "coat type"

10.2.4 Once a registration has been made on a Breed Register it cannot later be changed to another Register irrespective of its coat at a later date.

The E.C discussed and agreed to the proposed regulation changes.

BH noted that Sue Connor advised this will have to be manually update as our software is currently set up to accommodate short haired and long haired only.

Moved: BH; Seconded: NT – Approved
Report Received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE RECOMMENDED REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

- REGULATIONS 9.8 HEALTH RESULTS AND 10.15 BELGIAN SHEPHERDS
- BOUVIER DES FLANDERS LRL SURVEY & REGULATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Report provided Fiona Hodgson (FH).

202011 EC Meeting Canine Health and Welfare report

We had a meeting on 13 October and covered a lot of ground as there had not been one for some time.

We aim to have another before the end of the year.

There were a few regulation changes arising out of the discussion – these include (details attached)

- Multiple sires – deferred as some detail still to be nailed down
- Belgian Shepherd – recording of varieties
- Microchipping for health results and mandatory registration of the chips for registered dogs

The LRL for Bouvier des Flandres has been progressed after the results of the survey.

There was a feeling in the meeting that the fines for BCOC breaches are too light. \$500 fine if you do something and don't apply for exemption is too low given if you bother to get a vet cert and then pay the application fee for dispensation you are up to around \$200 anyway there is little motivation to do the right thing.

The E.C discussed and approved the Scent Work Regulation and amendments.

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Report Received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE

Report provided Fiona Hodgson (FH).

New Regulation: 9.8 Health Results

All health results which are to be recorded on pedigrees must have the dog's microchip number recorded on the results sheet submitted.

Also recommend that the following be either approved or if necessary put out to consultation:

From 1 July 2022 all dogs applying for registration on Part 1 of the register must be microchipped and the microchip number must be recorded on the registration by the age of 6 months of age.

Rationale:

Some health results do not have microchip numbers recorded and some dogs do not have microchip numbers recorded against their registration

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB – Approved

Regulation 10.15 Belgian shepherd Dog varieties – recording of varieties.

Add:

10.15.5 All Belgian Shepherds registered on the Part 1 register shall have the letter denoting the variety of the individual, as well as the variety of the parents, noted on the pedigree.

For imported dogs, the varieties as noted on the export pedigree for each generation will be included into the pedigree of the dog on the NZKC register.

Rationale:

Regulation 10.15.4 requires that no dog which is the result of an inter-variety mating can be mated to a dog of a different variety. Registration regulation 7.2 requires dogs born of a different variety than the parents to have variety information recorded. This new regulation provides the mechanism to do this. Currently, it is not easy to tell whether a dog is the result of an inter-variety mating. Recording the variety of the dog as well as the varieties of the parents will make this visible.

This is done in other countries where inter-variety is enabled.

Moved: BH – On Hold

FH requested the E.C agree in principal but due to limitations of the current Registry database software it is on hold.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB – amendment

Report Received

BOUVIER DES FLANDERS LRL REGULATIONS

Report provided Fiona Hodgson (FH).

Bouvier Des Flandres LRL Survey Results

Prepared by Dr Becky Murphy

The Bouvier Des Flandres LRL survey was sent to all financial members who own a Bouvier Des Flandres, on the 22nd September 2021 and closed 2 weeks later on the 6th October 2021.

- 10 responses were received.
- 1 response was discarded for the following reason:
 - 1 completely blank survey.
- 9 responses qualified.
- 75% participant agreement required to implement LRL(s).
- Qualifying LRLs to be implemented July 1st 2022.

For all qualifying participants, results are as follows:

1. Do you agree with the introduction of Litter Registration Limitations (LRLs) for the Bouvier Des Flandres breed?

- 9 answers
- 8 yes
 - 88.89% agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

10.18.1

For all Bouvier Des Flandres litters born on or after 1st July 2022 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 with the limitation?

"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."

- 9 answers
- 7 yes
 - 77.78% agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

10.18.2

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.

3. Do you agree with the limitation?

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

- 9 answers
- 8 yes
 - 88.89% agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

10.18.3

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

4. Do you agree with the limitation?

"The Sire AND Dam of every litter must hold a current annual eye certificate from an approved eye veterinarian and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014"

may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating."

- 9 answers
- 8 yes
 - 88.89% agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

10.18.4

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must hold a current annual eye certificate from an approved eye veterinarian and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating.

5. Do you agree with the limitation?

"The Sire AND Dam of every litter must hold a current bi-annual gonioscopy certificate from an approved eye veterinarian and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating."

- 9 answered
- 7 yes
 - 77.78% agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

10.18.5

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must hold a current bi-annual gonioscopy certificate from an approved eye veterinarian and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating.

6. Do you agree with the limitation?

"The Sire AND Dam of every litter must undergo one Echocardiogram by a Specialist Cardiologist or Radiologist veterinarian from 12 months of age, and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating."

- 9 answered
- 7 yes
 - 77.78% agreement

Therefore, the following Registration Regulation should be adopted:

The Sire AND Dam of every litter must undergo one Echocardiogram by a Specialist Cardiologist or Radiologist veterinarian from 12 months of age, and results supplied to Dogs NZ. Any parent whelped before 1 January 2014 may be excluded. Frozen semen dispensations will be considered by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on application prior to mating.

The E.C requested what the genetic disorder is? BH thanked FH for her work.

Moved: FH; Seconded: JB – ratified
Report Received

5. COMPLAINTS/DISPUTES

SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES (DECISION REQUIRED)

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

RE: Recommendation for Suspension of Kennel Names for Breach of Registry Regulations

5 Kennel Names were suspended under Registry Regulation 6.5 for the failure to abide by Registry regulation 9.1.1 after receiving the final 28 day late warning.

Moved: FH; Seconded; NT – Approved
Report Received

DISPUTES UPDATE REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

Executive Council approved the Disputes Committee recommendation regarding a formal complaint.

Moved: JB; Seconded; FH – ratified

Executive Council approved the recommendation from the Director Secretary regarding the resolution of a suspension of kennel name.

Moved: NT; Seconded; STT – ratified
Report Received

CH&W CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES

Report provided by Lauren James (LJ) on recent Breeders Code of Conduct Breaches and applicable fines.

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Report Received

6. OFFICE REPORTS (READ ONLY)

DIRECTOR SECRETARY REPORT

Report provided by Steven Thompson (ST).

1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – End of 2021

With the draft Strategic Plan focusing on 5 key strategic priorities which have been incorporate into our annual business plan my Director Secretary report will focus on what initiatives we have underway to achieve our 10 year goals.

Below is a short list of what we are concentrating on in the remaindering 2 months of the year.

Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs

Our current focus with Purina is.

Roll-out of Club Tool Kit project:

Attached are some of the templates for the promotion material that Clubs will be able to access via the Purina POS maker site to promote their events. We are currently working on the club link page on the Dogs NZ web site so that it is seamless for Clubs to access the promotional templates.

Subject to the final IT/Web tweaks we are aiming to launch the Club Toll Box Programme in the February issue of NZ Dog World.

Development of the Pedigree dog / Dog Sports Event Display stand

First draft of the Stand design is being tweaked with better Dog Training sports graphics and it will be manufactured pre-xmas so it can be used in the re-scheduled Auckland & Wellington Pet Expo's in early 2022.

Purina Retail promotion with Dogs NZ Branding

A number of retail activations which highlight the joint partnership of Purina and Dogs NZ are underway in both supermarkets and pet stores. I have attached some of the display artwork.

Strategy Planning Session

On November 18 we are holding an all-day work shop with Purina to discuss the key projects for 2022 which will have a focus on expanding the resources for our Dog Training and membership activities. We will also discuss the process for the renewal of the current 3 year sponsorship agreement late in 2022.

Strategic Priority: Expansion of Dog Training

We are still finalising the Legal MOU for the DPS payment system attached to the Dog Training Enrolment programme and resources to roll out the Enrolment programme and support trainers will be a major focus of the Purina Strategy day.

Strategic Priority: Registry Development

IT/Registry development team are working to complete before the end of the year the final automation of the online dog transfers and semen registrations. They have also started the automation of a number of membership functions as we continue to migrate the existing registry platform to the web based platform.

Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health / Effective Advocacy & Strategic Stakeholder relations

MOU for the proposed research with Massey University on the discovery and utilisation of genetic information for NZ dog breeding has been drafted.

A new draft position description for the Canine Health & Welfare Officer has been completed and we will go to market for the role in the New Year.

The design of external new 10yr Strategic Plan document has been completed and will be distributed to Strategic Stakeholders in the New Year.

2. Key National Office Activities

Office Relocation & Handover of 11 Prosser St

Key projects still to be completed before 20 December settlement date are:

Office Relocation:

- Interior / Exterior Signage (designed completed)
- Pictures / Honours Board / Boardroom displays

Prosser St Handover

- Long term storage of museum exhibits
- Offsite permanent storage of show equipment
- Disposal of old furniture etc

The Registry / Office archive is already in long term storage with Freear- Philip. The Museum pack up and storage is scheduled to be completed by 17 November. We are aiming to complete the signage installation before 20 November (subject to sign-off by Landlord). Two containers for the show equipment have been ordered and will arrive on-site after 20 November (once our tenants have completed pack-out of their material). The containers will be stored at Lyn & Gary Carltons property in Otaki until the development of new Lower North Island Event facility.

ST spoke to his report and gave an update of the Prosser St pack up.

The E.C discussed the Director Secretary report including the October dog registrations and NZ Dog World & DogiE News statistics.

The E.C noted the Club Tool Kit Promo Templates and Purina / Dogs NZ Instore Activations.

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Report Received

MEMBERS AND CLUBS REPORT

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

Club Accounts

Still outstanding are –

Norwest Dog Training Club

Sighthound Field Coursing Club

Waikato Poodle Fanciers Club

French Bulldog Society

Australian Kelpie Club

Otago/Southland Gundog Society

Wellington Canine Obedience Club

Pyrenean Mountain Dog Club

Auckland & Regions German Shorthaired Pointer Club

The above clubs have all received an account by email on 7 April 2021, a reminder by email on 1 June 2021 and a posted copy on 6 July 2021.

Initially there were a number of clubs who advised that they were having trouble arranging for internet payments to be set up with their banks (despite being advised that Dogs NZ would not be accepting cheques from 1 January 2021) and this was compounded by COVID lockdowns. All of those clubs have since paid.

I did speak with the secretary of Otago/Southland Gundog Society recently on another matter and reminded that payment had not been received. They were to check with their bank and advise.

Recommend that the above clubs be given 7 days to pay their account, or to prove that they have paid, after which time the association with Dogs NZ be cancelled or suspended.

Moved: JB; Seconded: DH - approved
Report Received

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN SCENT WORK CLUB

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN SCENT WORK CLUB

An application has been received from Southern Scent Work Club to be associated with Dogs New Zealand.

The club has provided

- minutes of its inaugural meeting held on 23 July 2021
- a list of the committee elected at that meeting
- officers of the club (all current financial members of Dogs NZ)
- a copy of their Constitution approved by that meeting
- confirmation that a bank account was to be opened with 3 signatories

The Constitution is a standard constitution and there is nothing out of the ordinary or that appears contentious in it.

Recommend that the Southern Scent Work Club be granted association with Dogs New Zealand.

BH noted under rule 10 must be a recognised society.

Moved: JB; Seconded: KB - approved
Report Received

DOGS ON REPORT

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB).

DOGS ON REPORT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2021

Again there are a number of dogs on report that have not been able to complete their observations due to postponement or cancellation of breed shows.

There are 4 new dogs on report from a Championship Jumpers Event held by Feilding Dog Training Club on 9/10 October 2021 and 1 update.

BROADSTAFF DIPPED N FUDGE 02227-2020 Staffordshire Bull Terrier owned by H De Meo

This male Staffordshire Bull Terrier was reported for aggression towards another dog at Feilding Dog Training Club's Championship Jumpers Event on 10 October 2021. This was after the event and on an adjacent sports field although those involved had competed at the event over the weekend.

It was reported by the show manager that the dog was off lead and approached a group of dogs, lunging at one of them, clamping it around the neck and would not release. After contacting the owner of the dog, the owner of the other dog, as well as witnesses, the dog was put on report with a 7 day stand down. All witnesses report that the 2 dogs were known to each other as were the owners of the 2 dogs that the Staffordshire Bull Terrier was caught in the harness of the other dog and

that once released the dogs calmed down. Neither dog was injured and the incident was not as serious as reported.

The dog has competed and observed at DAWG on 24 October 2021 with good reports from both observers with no issues.

NINA OB/9189 Huntaway/Heading Dog Cross J Gregory

This female Huntaway/Heading Dog Cross was reported by the show manager of Feilding Dog Training Club at their Championship Jumpers Event on 9 October 2021 of showing aggression towards another dog. The dog was reported to have finished its run then ran out of the holding area into another ring and was aggressive towards another dog in that ring.

This was witnessed by Sallie and Paul Remon who were judging at the event. Sallie reports that she was judging in ring 2 when the dog ran into her ring and running at speed toward the competing dog. She immediately called the other handler to stop her run. This is confirmed by Paul Remon. The owner of the dog called the dog back to her and she returned to her.

The owner of Nina advises that she waked over and apologised to the other competitor and advises that the apology was accepted. She points out that Nina is only a young dog (2 years old) and "that for a very happy free going dog she was over stimulated".

Nina was entered and observed at DAWG on 23/24 October 2021 with good reports from both observers, both noting no signs of aggression and that the dog was under control at all times.

KISS'N TELL JEZABELLA OB/7497 Border Cross owned by D Marris

This female Border X is on report for showing aggression towards another dog and making contact with the owner of that dog at Feilding Dog Training Club's Championship Jumpers Event on 9 October 2021.

The show manager advises that the dog had finished its run and when the owner of the other dog tossed the reward for their dog, the Border X lunged for that dog. In the process of pulling the dogs apart, physical contact was made to the leg and hand of the other handler.

The owner of the other dog advises that there were no lead runners for the show so handlers had to leave treats/toys/leads at the finish line themselves. She advises that "I was clearly too close as their dog tried to attach my dog. I tried to put myself in between to protect my dog and was bitten on the leg. The owner grabbed her dog and the incident only lasted a few seconds." The other owner advises her dog was not injured, she ended up with a bruise and both were able to continue with their run in the event. She further advises that she did not wish to put in a complaint and recommends for someone else to be at the finish line so the dog can be put on a lead straight away.

The owner of the dog advises her dog is a fear reactive dog if dogs get too close but had had no problems with her for the last 8-9 years. She also advises that the other handler and dog were standing right on the finish line and as she bent down to pick up the lead her dog lunged toward the other dog. She advises that she apologised to the other handler at the time.

The dog has been suspended for 2 months and required to undertake training before being permitted to compete again and one approval has been given, to be observed at 6 events.

Exmoor Outlaw On The Run 07891-2019 Schipperke owned by L Hughes

This male Schipperke is on report for showing aggression towards another dog at Feilding Dog Training Club's Championship Jumpers Event held on 10 October 2021. It was reported that the dog was in the ring when he started sniffing and became distracted. He left the ring and headed towards the other dog that was sitting outside the ring with its owner. The Schipperke growled and

barked at the other dog, the owner of the other dog grabbed his collar and the dog was retrieved by the owner who picked him up and removed him.

The Schipperke has had 7 day stand down and will require 6 observations.

The owner of the Schipperke has advised that the dog will not be entering any events for at least the rest of the year and possibly the beginning of 2022 and has engaged the services of a trainer.

MOUTH ALMIGHTY SNOW OB/7832 Jack Russell Terrier owned by S Ward

This dog which is on report for aggression towards a competitor on 28 November 2020 at Mid Canterbury Dog Training Club's Championship Obedience Test and Championship Rally-O events has completed the stand down period of 2 months. He has taken part in obedience and rally-o and been observed with no problems reported by the observers.

The E.C discussed this report and noted there should be a procedure in place where the complaint goes to the correct committee to sort prior to coming to E.C.

Information Only
Report Received

7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

1. Scent Work Committee Administration

Due to the international spread of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee, administrative matters are predominantly conducted electronically. However, there have also been some request for Zoom meetings to be held periodically and Jill Brooker is therefore undertaking some investigation as to whether this could be set up through Dogs NZ.

Since the last EC meeting, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee has dealt with:

- * Adding to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations to replicate the requirements of other Dogs NZ Judging with regards to Judges being required to be changed or becoming unavailable. (New Regulations 4.10 – 4.12).
- * Examining the prospect of allowing unofficial entries at Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials. A topic that is being hotly debated (and prompting of calls to have a Zoom meeting).

2. Scent Work Committee Voting

Since the last EC Meeting, three Scent Work matters have been required to be voted upon. Each was done electronically. These were:

- Addition to Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations 4.10 – 4.12 (which will be presented to the EC in the Regulations Section of their meeting Agenda). This was passed unanimously).
- A proposal to allow "Informal Entries". This did not receive majority support and the original proposal is now undergoing further discussion.
- A proposal to allow for Time Stewards to be changed at any time during the conducting of a Scent Work Trial. This proposal was supported only by the proposer, who has now asked that the matter be held for further discussion.

3. Appointment Of Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges

There has been received one application for First Appointment onto the Dogs NZ Novice Container Scent Work Panel and one application for First Appointment onto the Novice Interior: Novice Exterior and Novice Vehicle Panels.

Each of these applications is currently being processed in accordance with the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations.

4. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.

Over the weekend of 16/17 October 2021, the Taieri Canine Training Club hosted an extremely successful Dogs NZ Qualifying Scent Work Trial. Participants, who came from almost every corner of the South Island to attend, were provided with opportunities to participate Novice Container Searches, Novice Interior Searches, Novice Exterior Searches and Novice Vehicle searches.

Not only were participation numbers very high (requiring three judges to cope), but also due to very evident exceptional training, were the number of those qualifying. Every person who entered achieved at least one qualifying certificate.

Regrettably, the Delta variant of COVID-19 has once again caused disruption to the Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials programme.

The Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials intending to be hosted by the Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club on September 4th was initially postponed till 4th December but has now been required to be cancelled due to COVID level and boundary restrictions.

At the time of writing this report, the Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials hosted by the Tokoroa Dog Training Club, planned for 6/7 November was still occurring, as will be the Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials hosted by the Southern Golden Retriever Club on 15/16 January 2022.

Currently, expressions of interest to hold Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials next year has been expressed by the Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club; Southland Dog Training Club; South Canterbury Dog Training Club, Southern Scent Work Club (if this Club is endorsed in time by the Dogs NZ EC), Canterbury Kennel Association, and Otago Canine Training Club.

5. Introduction to Dogs NZ Scent Work" workshops.

Following on from the recent success of the "Introduction to Dogs NZ Scentwork" workshop in Alexandra on 17th July 2021, a request has been made to host another workshop in Wanaka. This is currently being actioned.

6. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges.

Currently, there are seventeen Dogs NZ Novice Scent Work Panel Judges, of which thirteen have judged, at least once, in an official capacity at a Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Trial.

There is currently five Dogs NZ Advanced Container Scent Work Judges. However due the newness of the Advanced Container level introduction (June 2021) and COVID interruption, no Qualifying Dogs NZ Advanced Panel Trials have yet been conducted. Should the Tokoroa Dog Training Club's Trials proceed, then this will debut the Advanced Container level.

7. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.

At the time of writing this report, there are four hundred and fifteen persons listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register. 72.5% are currently Dogs NZ members, with current non-members increasingly becoming members exponentially with their interest to participate in Qualifying Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.

The E.C discussed and noted the Scent Work Committee report.

Moved: SM; Seconded: PJ - carried

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (AB).

Chair

Following the recent resignation of Lucy Sandford-Reed as CGC Committee Chairperson, Arend van den Bos has been appointed to the role for the interim period till July 2022.

Lucy Sandford-Reed remains however a member of the GC Committee.

CGC Committee meeting

A CGC Committee meeting was held by Zoom on Wednesday October 27th. Matters discussed included:

- An acknowledgement of Renee Evan's appointment onto the CGC Committee.
- Acceptance of Christine McIntyre's application to be listed as a CGB Assessor.
- A report requested to be completed for the EC outlining its current status and future.
- Completion of a survey extended to all CGC Assessors concerning a final draft of a proposal to alter the "Requirements for all assessments"; Foundation Exercises, and Bronze Exercises sections of the current CGC Manual.
- Acknowledgement that the first stage of the Silver/Gold Exercise Survey has been completed.
- A nomination for Stephen Harris to be approached with regards to authoring examinations for CGC Assessor applicants.
- CGC Committee representation at the joint discipline meeting on the Sunday following ACOD.

CGC Manual Review

Through staged surveys, ALL CGC Assessors have been asked over the past eighteen months to submit feedback on the contents of current CGC Manual. This includes the exercises for all four level of CGC assessed. This has now been completed up to and including the Gold Exercises. Only one section of the CGC Manual remains to be reviewed.

Based upon the feedback given, the CGC Manual has been re-written, also in stage like manner with final proposals endorsed by the CGC Committee presented to the EC for endorsement. This has resulted in the first (of three) section of the CGC Manual having now been fully completed.

At their meeting in November 2021, the EC will be presented with the first part of the second section of the CGC Manual, which incorporates the CGC Foundation and Bronze Exercises, for endorsement. Following this, it is intended to present to the EC at their February meeting the second part of the second section of the CGC Manual, with a completion of the third section of the CGC Manual presented to their April meeting. This will allow for a complete CGC Manual to be operative from 1st June 2022.

CGC Website

It has been noted that considerable criticism has from time to time been expressed with regards to the CGC Website. A meeting with Sue Conner has therefore been arranged to address the concerns raised with an anticipation for better reviews in the future.

CGC Administration

For a variety of reasons, CGC administration has become a complex process involving several individuals. A meeting has been arranged with various parties to address this situation so that clearer avenues of responsibility are established, and concerns can be more appropriately addressed.

Promotion of CGB/CGC

A meeting with Dogs NZ appropriate staff has been arranged to discuss the manner and logistics of how this might be achieved. Following this discussion, the EC shall be advised of its outcome and proposals.

BH spoke to this report and noted that in future CGC Assessors will be tested as such.

The E.C discussed and noted the CGC report.

Moved: STT; Seconded: PJ - carried
Report Received

RE: 2021/22 Sub Committee & Committee Appointments

I would like Executive Council to approve the following committee appointment:

1. CGC Committee Appointments

- Renee Evans

Moved: KB; Seconded: STT - carried
Report Received

AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Report provided by Chris Richardson (CR).

Covid... we hate you... The last 3 months it's felt like we have done nothing but try to keep up with the constant changes to alert levels and who is and isn't allowed to do what. However, we have got there so far, and have managed to get things in place to ensure that agility in Alert Level 2 regions can go ahead with covid restrictions in place. We have successfully had a few weeks now of Level 2 shows being held without hiccup.

The one thing that is a bit of a concern and I think it would be good for EC to have a discussion around this, partly to give us some guidance on how we should handle this if it happens in the future, and also because it's quite likely that other codes will encounter this as well. Over the weekend just gone, there was a Ribbon Trial held in Tauranga. As you know, we have mandated that Ribbon Trial entries must be pre-entered. We had a competitor that resides in a Level 3 area, enter the show and have her entries removed, along with an explanation that because she was in AL3 she couldn't attend a show being held in a L2 area. Consequently, without anyone knowing, she re-entered online, and it didn't get picked up. She turned up to the show and it wasn't until about lunchtime that the show secretary who had originally removed her entry, saw her, and immediately spoke to her to say she can't be there, and she left. The club has filed a border breach with the police. I don't think there is a lot that can be done from our point of view as there hasn't been any regulation breached, but we will be trying to get a bit more info out to our members around the consequences of actions like this to other people. There have been 2 people that I am aware of that attended the show, who work with health compromised people who because of this are now having to take time off work until they can confirm there was no possible contact during the 3-4 hours that this person was at the show, and that they test negative before going back to work.

I would like to also note that in general the compliance with our guidelines overall has been high from both clubs and competitors so that is really encouraging.

On the topic of Covid and the likelihood of vaccine passports being required moving forward for sports etc, I think it would be a good opportunity for a joint codes meeting to discuss options and ensure that we can all work together on this, especially as there are a number of people who are

multi-code competitors, and in a lot of areas there are joint Agility and Obedience shows still held at the same time, so there needs to be some cohesion there.

Clubs and RT/Championship status

With the numerous shows that have had to be cancelled due to various regional lockdowns, there are a few clubs that have not been able to meet their show obligations for this year, some have missed a ribbon trial, and some have missed a championship show. This now mostly affects the clubs in the upper north island area who are still in lockdown. A lot of the clubs outside of this area, although they had to cancel their original show, have been able to re-schedule and hold the show at a later date. The AC would like to once again formally ask for forgiveness for these clubs.

NZDAC 2021

Sadly, the 2021 Zone 2 NZDAC committee have made the call to cancel NZDAC this year as it was becoming pretty clear that the country wasn't going to be in an alert level that would be viable to run the event. Agility had made the call from the start that for it to be a National Event the whole nation needed to be in a position that they could attend, so the baton has officially been handed over to Zone 4 and everyone is looking forward to NZDAC 2022...

I would like to commend the Zone 2 committee for the hard work they have put into this over the last two years, a job well done, just a shame it couldn't be carried out to completion.

Take the Lead

On a positive note, the launch of Take the Lead went really well, and thank you to those EC members that attended and Brian for talking. We are aware that there were some audio issues, and some people were finding it hard to hear what was being said. The live webinar was recorded, so we have gone through the recording and re-recorded some of the parts where the audio was bad, so that when we put it online, people will be able to view it a bit clearer. Moving forward it would be really good to get Dog Training and Conformation launched as well. The Take the Lead website is all ready to go for adding ambassadors etc for each of the other codes when you are ready to go. We have had a lot of positive response from the launch and now it's important to keep the momentum going and get the attitudes of people turned around.

PJ spoke to the report.

The E.C discussed and noted the Agility Committee report. The E.C also noted that the recommendation passed regarding dispensation for the clubs who have been unable to hold shows also applies to Agility events.

Moved: PJ; Seconded: STT - carried
Report Received

DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE

Report provided by Karen Sadler (KS)

1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings

A meeting was held on the 3rd October 2021. The next meeting will be 15th and 16th January 2021.

2. Deputy southern Region Rep vote in process.

3. National Dog Show 2022 Auckland

Obedience and Rally O still want a presence. As soon as possible Karen S happy to travel to meet Paul Robinson with Sue Howe.

4. National Dog Obedience Assembly

The 2021 NDOA went ahead and was as successful as possible under covid restrictions.

5. Judge Appointments and Promotions

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

- Promotion of Bill Moffat 083243 onto the Test B panel
- Promotion of Sallie Remon onto the Beginners /Novice Championship obedience panel
- Promotion of Karen Sadler 058654 onto the Beginners/Novice Championship Obedience Panel

Moved: PJ; Seconded: FH - carried

6. February Discussion items

At this stage we have a number of discussion items to go out for discussion.

7. Rally O

OJA now in charge of training and encouraging more Rally O judges which is badly needed in all regions. Dog Training Committee happy to support and encourage all clubs running Rally O. And will actively promote this.

8. Selling a License to run shows Obedience/Rally O/Scentwork

Wondering where this is at and also why the central Region has no scent trials going on?

9. Top 20 Obedience dog in Dog World and online points with no reward money involved

Can this please be started 1st of January 2022?

10. Dog Trainers certification system:

Dog Training Committee still want to get this up and running to allow Dogs NZ to be certified with companion animals NZ. But Covid has slowed this at this stage but the Dog Trainers Association NZ are also looking at this so maybe we can all team up.

11. Make up of Dog Training committee. Report for discussion

12. Scent Sport

At Present it is noted that the current regulations say that the Regions will set the fees for scent sport trials, when in fact the regions at this stage have no say over scent sport. It was suggested that this is changed to allow clubs to set their own fees for these events.

13. Covid guidelines for Obedience new guidelines now written.

14. Obedience Awards

It was agreed by the DTC that the Obedience (special) Beginners award be renamed from OS to OBG to reflect the fact that the special part of the name has been removed.

Moved: KS; Seconded: PJ – carried

Region Reps to request clubs to award winners certificates to Beginners so these can also be used to apply for the OBG award (as an alternative to using the Obedience Record Card for winners).

15. Trick Training

Dog Training committee is still looking at two different organisations that already have trick Trials and awards set up to see what might work well for NZ. But waiting to have face to face meeting for this.

KS spoke to her report.

The E.C discussed and noted the Dog Training Committee report.

Moved: KS; Seconded: FH - carried
Report Received

NZDJA CHAIR REPORT

Report provided by Ray Greer (RG).

GENERAL

Covid alert levels has seen a dramatic decline in our activities and it shows little sign of changing. As a committee we have not had a f2f meeting since our AGM. All of our work has been completed via email and a singular ZOOM meeting. Given the environment we are scheduling our next ZOOM in late November.

POST COVID REGULATIONS

As in my last report we have reverted to a singular examination process per year. The effective date for these regulations is November 1st. We were pleased to see EC support for these changes and passed your own show regulations to support the concept of ribbon parades, open shows and support for NZ judges at Championship shows, all in keeping with providing platform for our up and coming judges.

We were then confronted with many enquiries as to cancelled shows and meetings and that they were needed for promotional criteria for advancement. We have gone back to our members with information that credit points in total from any category will be accepted and proof of correspondence or cancelled contracts will serve as banked criteria. Application for promotion will be permitted to proceed with these banked appointments needing to be completed before recognition of any new levels.

We expect around 25 new applications at end of January, with some of these being in this banked criteria category.

PRACTICAL EXAMS 2021

These have still not been completed, there are 5 candidates effected here, they were simply in lockdown areas when the exams took place in Palmerston North. We have tentatively booked these in at the AEC benefit show weekend end of January 2022. It will need the Allbreeds show to be able to go ahead, although we are of the opinion that we could proceed with the exam alone. There may be some reluctance to enter seeing Auckland has been locked down for so long...we simply have to watch the announcements from central government.

Please excuse the brevity of this report, but not a lot is happening at present.

NT spoke to this report noting his concern re. Judges Regulations.

BH spoke to Ray 1st group can bank points but will still have to complete all requirements before moving on panel.

The E.C discussed and noted the NZDJA report.

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Report Received

MUSEUM TRUST

Verbal report provided by Keith Brown (KB).

Two cabinets in long term storage, two cabinets in office. Still need to sort out long storage options.

Removal & Storage costs lies with Dogs NZ as approved by E.C.

Proposed show in Nov in partnership with CKA

Meeting passed all FY accounts. LJ to confirm cash balance with CP

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Report Received

JUNIOR DOG TRAINING

Report provided by Polly Catlin-Maybury (PC).

The JDT Committee and JDT Camp organising team has decided to continue with the planning for the 2022 JDT camp in the hope and expectation that it will take place.

Next year's camp is running between 17 – 20 January at the Highlands Campground in Ashurst, Feilding. We have 25 attendees at the moment – a considerable reduction on previous years due to the reluctance to travel by parents, particularly for our South Island members.

COVID-19 has also impacted the trainers we would like to have attended but replacements have been found and camp will go ahead as intended. We will also be holding the inaugural North Island Primary and Secondary Schools Championships on the last day of camp. Sponsorship is still being sought for the trophies and ribbons for this.

Fundraising has been impacted for another year with the cancellation of shows and uncertainty in the agility community, however, our balance sheet is looking stable.

E.C. discussed the report and who can attend the camp. ST & FH indicated that they would attempt to

KS/KB Information Only
Report Received

YOUNG DOG SHOWING

Report provided by Margaret Wilson (MW).

Thank you for the appointment to chair this subcommittee. I am looking forward to once again being involved in promoting all aspects of Dogs New Zealand to our young members.

My first decision was that the constitution and manual for YDS was not complete and in parts not effective. In consultation with Jill, we have gathered a small constitution committee.

Margaret Wilson
Jill Brooker
Martin Hewitt
Margaret Raynor
Lynley Bray (JDH)
Helen Dupe
Elza Maulder
Kelly Te Reo
Debbie Hull

At our first zoom meeting, the group agreed that we will focus on refining the original mission statement and aim. It will establish the model of governance and protocols for how we operate. We will also modify the current manual so that it better meets the need of young handlers and aspiring JDH judges.

This committee is also able to collectively support those who are running the regional heats. It has, due to the changes in the show calendar, been necessary to cancel the North and South Island finals. All finalists will receive some form of recognition for their efforts over the last 18 months. A new schedule of heats for 2022 will be allocated leading to a national final at the Auckland NDS in October.

CM/JB Agreed
Report Received

YOUNG DOG HANDLING DRAFT TV CONTRACT

The E.C discussed the draft TV Contract between New Zealand Kennel Club (Dogs NZ) and ASC Media Ltd. Ownership and Use of Film, the requirement for positive presentation of our sport and respect for our sponsor relationships were issues to be discussed with ASC media before E.C. are prepared to approve the contract by email vote.

E.C. agree to appoint Lynley Bray as key liaison person with ASC Media

Approved JB/KS
Carried

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting Pack / Late Papers

Discussion regarding timing of E.C. packs so that Councillors have printed packs at least one week before meeting. Late papers should only be accepted if vital decision needs to be made in timely manner. ST to revise dates for preparing and dispatching

Task List

E.C requested the task list be reinstated at the rear of the minutes.

E.C. Meeting Dates 2022

E.C. discussed and approved the following meeting dates for 2022:

30 April / 1 May

24 June
23/24 July
17/18 September
22/23 November

FCI Shows:

E.C. discussed the revised FCI dates and effects on Club show dates. Overseas judges availability will depend on open borders with no MIQ.

National Office Update

ST briefed E.C. on status of discussions with the building owners. A proposal paper will be presented to E.C. and will include a market sweep of additional office investment options.

NZ Dog World / Facebook

A profile article on E.C. members to be scheduled in February issue along with article on new National Office and profile of key staff members. E.C. would like to see a more active Dogs NZ Facebook presence.

9. CHAIRPERSON SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
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BH thanked the E.C for this meeting and wished everyone a safe Xmas.

The E.C noted the upcoming meeting dates.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2021/2022 term)

26 & 27 February 2022, Wellington
30 April / 1 May, Wellington
24 June, Wellington

BH closed the meeting at 10.30am on 21 November 2021.