



Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting

Held on 23 June 2023

Jerningham Room, Copthorne Hotel

100 Oriental Parade, Oriental Bay

Wellington

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Brian Harris (BH) President
 Jill Brooker (JB)
 Karen McIntyre (KM)
 Martin Hewitt (MH)
 Geoff Collins (GC)
 Steve Tate (STT)

Stephen Meredith (SM)
 Lynley Drummond (LD)
 Catherine McManus (CM)
 Fiona Hodgson (FH)
 Chris Richardson (CR)

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary

APOLOGIES

Nil

WELCOME

BH welcomed the E.C to the meeting at 9am and congratulated council members who were re-elected in the current voting round.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The E.C adopted the agenda.

Moved: ; Seconded: – Carried

DECEASED MEMBERS

The E.C noted the list of deceased members: Topsy Kooji ,Invercargill, Jim MacKenzie ,Timaru, Ann Florian Pakuranga, J L (Les) Fahey, Nelson (Former Executive Councillor), Dot Wilson, Palmerston North, Lawrence Tee, Pleasant Point, Patricia Halliwell, Thames, Allison McArthur, Marton, Len Hanson, Marton, Dawn Robertson, Ashburton.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Changes to be made to following registers. Martin Hewitt, Fiona Hodgson, Chris Richardson.

RATIFICATION OF EMAIL VOTES

The following email votes by Executive Council were held in the period 14 April -12 June 2023:

Executive Council Email Vote:	Ratified by:
Agility Bank Account Change of Signature Approval	7 votes
Kat Thorstrand promoted to CGC Foundation and Bronze Assessor Panel	11 votes
Promotion of Sandra Smidt to Toys & Terriers panel	9 votes
Ratification of Scent Work Election Protocols	10 votes

Moved: FH ; Seconded: MH; - Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The E.C confirmed the 29-30 April 2023 meeting minutes as true and correct record.

Moved: STT; Seconded: CR; – Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY 2023 MINUTES

GC noted that the fee structure on P15/16 should reflect what is on the show levy form.
Motion on P19 to be updated to include change of name of Registry Two to Sports Dogs.

MATTERS ARISING FROM APRIL TASK LIST

Update Rules with appropriate levy wording and carry changes over to Year Book Wording.
Ensure that Scent Work letter re: Judges exams is sent immediately after the meeting.

2. FINANCE

TREASURERS REPORT: 30 APRIL 2023 ACCOUNTS

Report provided by Clive Phillips. Treasurer

NZ Kennel Club Financial Update for April 2023

Financial Results: Operational

April month produced a healthy surplus of \$61.1k compared to a budget surplus of \$10.6k. This was \$50.5k favourable to budget and \$1.5k favourable to last year's actual surplus.

Dogs NZ Head Office, AEC, Gazette, Agility, JDS & CGC all recorded favourable variances to budget. Some of the surpluses are helped by timing issues which should lessen in May.

The Cash balances increased above the 31 March 2023 cash balance by \$162.9k. The Cash balances as at 30 April 2023 are also above the 31 March 2022 balance by \$71.9k.

I believe it is too early to be making comment on how the current financial year will evolve but it has been a good start to the year.

<u>Analysis YTD APRIL 2023</u>						
	<u>Number</u>			<u>Income</u>		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
Litter Notification	109	157	-31%	4,580	6,369	-28%
Registrations	552	563	-2%	17,119	17,493	-2%
Transfers	404	477	-15%	8,778	9,079	-3%
Imports	34	25	36%	2,250	2,757	-18%
Exports	23	13	77%	2,400	1,496	60%
Overall Total	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,235</u>	-9%	<u>35,127</u>	<u>37,194</u>	-6%

The Director Secretary presented the draft May 2023 Accounts which are currently being reviewed by RAF Committee. Strong financial performance start to FY continues surplus of \$35.4k compared to a budget deficit of (\$13.1k). This was \$48.5k favourable to budget and \$11.4k favourable to last year's actual surplus.

Moved: MH; Seconded: CM; - Report Received

RISK, AUDIT, & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by RAF Chair: John Green

1. Financial Performance

With the end of year financial reporting well advanced but subject to audit it would be premature to comment on draft financials. We anticipate being able to review these prior to ACOD and being in a position to comment if required.

2. Notifiable and/or Material Transactions

The Committee did not identify any notifiable or material transactions to review. We note there has been some discussion on accessing some of the FB Investment Fund which no doubt will come to our attention in due course.

3. DNZ FY24 (2023/24) Budget Process

The writer will liaise with Directory/Secretary as to whether any input is required to presentation of budget to ACOD.

4. Review of Financial Management Policies

A memo has gone out to the Chairs of the DNZ Sub-committees inviting feedback or submissions on the Financial Management Policies relevant to their respective sub-committees.

This is an opt in process with submissions required by end June so that RAF can commence the review of these policies.

5. Future Work

Other work on the horizon which we can address in the coming months as time allows includes:

- i. Review of Risk Register when this comes to hand
- ii. Developing Dashboard reporting for visualising key numbers & ratios to track trends and effectiveness of strategy.

CM briefed E.C. on the work of the committee.

Report Received: CM; Seconded: STT; - Carried

3. IMPORTANT ITEMS

BALANCE SHEET STRATEGY 2023-2028 DISCUSSION PAPER

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

Background:

After making two key decisions on potential property investments in a national office and lower North Island Indoor Venue it is timely to have a discussion about how we should use our balance sheet to support our 10 Year Strategy goals.

Current Balance Sheet Strengths

We enjoy a cash rich balance sheet with no debt. The majority of our balance sheet assets are held in highly liquid cash type investments which give us the opportunity to quickly make any investment decision.

As at end of May we have \$743k in bank deposits to fund our ongoing daily operations and \$7.459m in cash/investments which are available to fund future projects.

Our Current Operating Financial Strengths & Weakness

- We face an environment of increasing costs in a high inflationary environment which is placing pressure on parts of our operations like the magazine which in the past have delivered healthy surpluses.
- We have enjoyed strong registry growth which is slowing in line with the economy.

- Our governance costs are increasing due to air travel and accommodation inflation.
- Membership decline has stabilized but we are struggling to show any growth. With any membership fees increases limited to inflation rate we have limited ability to drive financial growth in this area.
- There is no desire for members to pay more in show levies.
- We do well to run our national events at breakeven or a small surplus.
- Our venues do not generate enough surplus to cover required maintenance and major capex projects.

The reality is we are likely to become increasingly reliant on revenue generated by the investment fund to cover the raising costs of normal activities.

Our key 3 Financial Assets

For the long term financial sustainability of Dogs NZ we have 3 key assets:

Our Registry Database: This is our most important revenue source and has the greatest potential for financial growth.

Investment Fund: Not only a financial reserve that we can draw on in hard times but the annual income generated is becoming an important source for project funding.

Ardmore Exhibition Centre: The one propriety we own that can host national events and 27 ha of land in Auckland which will only increase in value when it is re-zoned for high density housing. This facility is both an important asset to support our member and club activities and a long term land investment play.

The key question is how we can best use our current balance sheet to protect and advance these key assets and drive our 10yr Strategy forward.

Potential Investment Opportunities

National Registry Opportunities:

As Government moves towards greater regulation of dog breeding it is likely that they will set up a national registry of dog breeders to ensure compliance with new regulations. The National Dog Database is also overdue for an update and it is expected that MPI will invite interested parties to respond to an RFP.

Any involvement in national dog/breeding registry will require substantial capex. Companion Animals NZ (CANZ) spent \$750k to develop a new microchip/lost pet registry and budget \$80k on annual upgrades. We could enter into a partnership (with organizations like CANZ) to share costs with a joint RFP.

Ardmore Upgrades:

As our premier dog sport venue it is important that we continue to invest in maintain and improving the facility. \$400k of capex work is planned for the next 3 years on our venues of which \$348k is expected to be spent on Ardmore. We also have to plan that any future roof replacement will be a seven figure capex project.

Future Dog Sports Venues:

The decision to enter into a 5 year agreement with Manfeild has provide Dogs NZ with time to make a considered decision on any future facility investment.

A key question we need to ask is it prudent to invest substantial resources in a regional indoor venue for the Lower North Island or are we better to provide grant funding to clubs to improve their own grounds and facilities.

This leads to another question: If we were to invest in facilities to grow dog sports are we better to invest in Wellington region or Canterbury region? Which region has the greater capability (via strength of club network etc) to drive the growth which justifies the investment?

We also need to be realistic on how much can we afford to spend on a new indoor sports venue. Management view (which is supported by the Chair of RAF) is at best we can afford a \$3m capex investment which will need to be supported by a \$3m investment fund to provide the revenue to cover venue operating and maintenance costs.

Any desire of membership to invest \$6m+ in a new facility will lead Dogs NZ into financial stress within 5 years.

Funding our 10yr Strategic Plan

Our 10yr Strategy list 5 strategic priorities which will require ongoing funding from registry surpluses and investment income. In the FY23/24 Budget we have allocated \$245k in investment towards projects to improve our registry IT capability, protect our sports venues, increase dog training capability, nationwide show officials training program and expanding our CH&W programs.

We can expect that this level of investment will only increase if we want to achieve our strategy goals.

Future Settings of Investment Fund

The Investment fund is currently at a Defensive Setting and we have been selling down share portfolio to limit mark-to-market effects on FY Accounts. Having taken a major mark-to-market valuation “hit” to the FY22/23 accounts and reduced portfolio volatility members will see the benefits of having a large investment fund in the current FY.

This will also provide an opportunity to re-set investment settings for longer term growth as markets recover and we make decisions on future investments.

Executive Council held a wide ranging discussion on the Strategy paper which included the future management of the investment fund, reinvestment of income from the fund and potential IT/Registry projects. Any future indoor venue investment (either in the North or South Island) will depend on regional clubs coming together to present a development plan like what happened with the development of Ardmore.

Moved: MH; Seconded: STT; - Report Received

DRAFT MANFEILD TRUST MOU

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

The Director Secretary (ST) updated Council on the negotiations with Manfeild Trust regarding the MNOU and associated venue hire contracts. Club Secretary's to be added to the list of key Dogs NZ Contacts.

Discussions are underway with All Breed Clubs to confirm show dates for 2024 and Dog Training Central Region have asked for a pencil booking for a two day show in July to raise funds for NDOA. Once the Breed Show bookings are confirmed, discussions will start with the speciality and group clubs.

Executive Council discussed the possibility of holding a Dogs NZ FCI show together with a Benefit Show as the first show at Manfeild under the new agreement. ST to come back with potential show dates for further discussion at July E.C. Meeting.

Moved: Chair: - Report Received

SHOW PROGRAMME STRATEGY REVIEW PAPER

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

1. Background on Dogs NZ Show Program

The current Dogs NZ Online Show program which is used by over 99% of Clubs in NZ was developed from the National Dog Show program which dates back to George Will's time.

Since it was launched to clubs in 2009 a considerable investment of time and money has resulted in a series of gradual improvements which has resulted in Club adopting the program as previous "owner - operator" show programs have been retired. We believe only one legacy "owner – operator" show program is still in use by a small handful of South Island clubs and even that program relies on integration with our show program.

While the Show program has been successfully used in over 4,000 shows continued development of the program has been on hold during the last two years as we have focused on building the new online Registry System and developing an FCI Show module.

Planned Ongoing Development for Dogs NZ Show Program

The Scope of IT Development work we have planned for 2023 includes:

- Development of an online payment system and funds payments to clubs from a central Trust Fund.
- A number of “fixes” requested by show secretaries for smoother functioning of online program.

2. Executive Council Current Position

E.C. has expressed a desire to have a show program that has a payment option and is interested in any IT product that can assist Stewards to make their life easier.

E.C. also acknowledges that the benefit of not having to continually invest scarce IT resources into the show program was attractive but the integration of any third party into our registry/membership systems needs to be carefully handled.

Any Show Program deal has to be financially attractive to Dogs NZ.

3. Review of Australian Show Programs

We have held two Sets of Zoom review meetings with Easydogs and Show Manager to explore the option of adopting one of the programs as Dogs NZ official show program.

The first set of zoom meetings featured a demonstration of each program and its key features. I have attached a summary sheet from Chris Richardson of his view of the key features of each program.

The National Office view is that we already have many of the features in both Australian programs apart from the payment system and steward tablet apps. Easydogs also had a number of club administration / reporting functions that we do not have.

The second round of Zoom meetings involved our IT contractor Mark Signal as we focused on any integration issues with our registry/membership system. Both parties were also given the opportunity to submit a financial proposal.

Mark is comfortable about being able to integrate both programs into our registry/membership database.

4. Key Executive Council Decision

Executive Council has two options for the future of dog show programs in NZ:

- Continue to invest in the current Dogs NZ Show Program as per our IT Scope of Work roadmap
- Abandon our Show Program and enter into a commercial relationship with a preferred Australian supplier and re-launch the new program to clubs.

The key question to consider when making a decision is:

- If E.C. most important desire is to have a show online payment system then we are best to retain our current show program and complete the current scope of IT Development work.
- If E.C. would like to have a show steward app/tablet program then we are best to go with one of the Australian programs as we do not have the resources or time to develop our own in-house program.

Executive Council discussed the Show program Strategy Review paper and the key decision on if Dogs NZ should continue to retain and investment in its current in-house show program or adopt a show program from Australia.

Motion:

That Dogs NZ move away from its in-house show program and enter into an agreement with a preferred show program supplier from Australia.

Moved: CR; Seconded: KM - Carried

A recommendation report on the preferred show program supplier is to be presented to the July E.C. meeting. As she has extensive show manager/secretary experience JB is to join the working group to assist with making a final recommendation. The report is also to include an implementation timeline for integration of preferred program to registry'/membership database and roll out to Clubs and members.

ACOD DRAFT PRESENTATIONS

Report by Director Secretary (ST)

- 1. Capex Report**
- 2. RAF/Finance Report**
- 3. Manfeild Indoor Venue for Dog Shows**
- 4. PD Insurance Partnership**

Executive Council discussed the presentations and made a number of small content and formatting changes to the Capex & Finance Reports. ST briefed Council on the

4. REGULATIONS

LURE COURSING JUDGING PANEL APPOINTMENTS

The proposal paper regarding the Criteria for Appointment of Lure Coursing Judges was discussed by Executive Council.

MOTION:

That any decision on the criteria for the appointment of Lure Coursing Judges be deferred to the new incoming Lure Coursing Committee.

Moved: MH; Seconded: BH - Carried

SHOW REGULATION 12 JUDGING TIMETABLES

Proposed Regulation change by Hutt Valley Kennel Centre in red

12. JUDGING TIMETABLES

12.1 All judges and all exhibitors at all Championship Shows shall be sent or emailed no later than ~~10~~**7** days before the first day of the show a judging timetable that states · The commencement time for judging in each ring in the show · A list of all breeds in the show setting out the rings in which each breed is to be judged and the order in which each breed is to be judged in each ring. · The numbers of exhibits entered in each breed in the show · A time before which judging will not commence for the judging of all stake's classes in the show.

RATIONALE:

There have been a number of Clubs who have breached this regulation and some have not sent out a judging timetable until just days before the Show. Now that we have online entries receiving payment for entries often delays when the timetables are sent out so by changing the regulation from 10 days to 7 days would be more practical for the Show Secretary.

Moved: SM; Seconded: LD - APPROVED

FCI A20 REGISTRY REGULATION

Report by Brian Harris (President)

FCI A20 Shows**Rationale:**

Under our FCI membership, Dogs NZ members have the opportunity to host and enter FCI A20 shows and be awarded the appropriate tiles. These proposed Show Regulations provide the necessary regulations to host FCI A20 shows and awarded tiles.

This will require a re-numbering of the existing Show Regulations 12 - 32

Proposed Draft Show Regulation 12 FCI A20 Shows (in Red).

12. FCI A20 Shows

12.1 Requirements to attain the ASIA, AFRICA & OCEANIA CHAMPION titles in New Zealand:

12.1.1. To obtain the title of Asia, Africa & Oceania Champion:

A dog/bitch who is already a New Zealand Champion or Champion of an FCI member country, must win FOUR A2OCS CAC (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat) dog/bitch at any FCI A2O Championship Show (A2OCS) organized by the NZ Kennel Club (Dogs NZ) or approved clubs. The four qualifying CAC's may be awarded in the same island.

12.1.2. To obtain the title of Asia, Africa & Oceania Grand Champion:

A dog/bitch who is already a New Zealand Champion or Champion of an FCI member country, must win EIGHT A2OCS CAC dog/bitch at any FCI A2O Championship Shows organized by the NZ Kennel Club (Dogs NZ) or approved clubs. At least TWO of the Eight A2OCS CAC MUST be won in each Island, for the dog to qualify for this title.

12.1.3. To obtain the title of Asia, Africa & Oceania Supreme Champion:

A dog/bitch who is already a New Zealand Champion or Champion of an FCI member country, must win TWELVE A2OCS CAC dog/bitch at any FCI A2O Championship Shows organized by the NZ Kennel Club (Dogs NZ) or approved clubs PLUS win a BIS1 (Best in Show 1) at an A2OCS. At least THREE of the Twelve A2OCS CAC MUST be won in each Island, for the dog to qualify for this title.

12.2 Awarding of A2OCS CAC (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat)

The A2OCS CAC is to be awarded to the Best Dog & Best Bitch OR Dog CAC & Bitch CAC at a Championship Show organized according to the rules of the NZ Kennel Club (Dogs NZ). The show does not have to be a CACIB/International Show and the awarding of the A2OCS CAC will follow the rules of Dogs NZ with regards to the awarding of the Best Dog & Best Bitch OR Dog CAC & Bitch CAC. Reserve A2OCS CAC may be awarded.

12.3 Classes at an A2OCS show will be the same as outlined in Dogs NZ Show Regulation 6.

12.4 How to apply for A2OCS show

12.4.1 All requests to organize A2OCS shows must be made to Dogs NZ who in turn will make application to the A2O Section. Dogs NZ will be responsible for ensuring that the A2O rules be adhered to at these shows and similarly responsible for the corresponding payments also.

12.4.2 An additional fee to be paid for each entry will be set by Dogs NZ to cover FCI Asia, Africa, Pacific Section expenses. The fees must be paid to Dogs NZ within 10 days of the show.

12.4.3 At A2OCS shows Dogs NZ Challenge Certificates can also be awarded along with the A2O CAC.

12.4.4 At Asia, Africa & Oceania Championship Shows, the A2OCS CAC Certificates must be used. A common design will be supplied by the FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania secretariat and will be available from Dogs NZ FCI A20 title.

12.4.5 Best in Show must be judged by a judge resident in the Asia, Africa & Oceania (A20) region.

BH spoke to the opportunity that adopting FCI A20 Shows would provide for members to gain more titles for their show dogs.

MOTION:

That the proposed GC A20 Show regulations be adopted effective 1 August 2023

Moved: Chair; Seconded: KS - Carried

Executive Council discussed the required show entry fee (USD\$2 is payable to FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania) and the impact on our existing show program. Changes will need to be made to FCI show program and a Q&A prepared to inform members via Dog-iE news and NZ Dog World.

AGILITY REGULATIONS CHANGES

Proposed for ratification by Agility Committee and to be effective 1 July 2023. Changes in red.

Rationale: removal of rogue words.

5.4.4 Food or Training Aids

The judge will disqualify the dog from that class if the handler uses or carries into the ring ~~in~~ any ~~class~~ food, manufactured whistle, clicker, squeaky toy or other related training aid other than those required to complete the class.

Rationale: to strengthen this regulation and add clarity for competitors and judges.

5.4.7 Event Area

The event area must measure not less than 40m x 30m and have a non-slip surface, to the satisfaction of the judge on the day. The ring must be demarcated by a rope or fence which must be off the ground on all 4 sides with two separate gateways provided through which the dogs are to enter and exit. The integrity of the ring rope must be maintained through the duration of each class.

Event organisers may apply to the NZKC Agility Committee for an exemption to the minimum ring size should the physical characteristics of their venue so require.

An assembly area will be set up along one whole side (or end) of each ring. The assembly area must be 3-5m wide, roped or fenced off and will be used to accommodate the dog which has just run the course as well as the next dog to start. Food and toys will be permitted in the assembly area.

Personnel and equipment that pertain to the running of any class may be located within the assembly area but must be located in such position so as to not impede upon the entry and exit of the dog to and from the assembly area.

A Dog must be on lead when it enters the assembly area prior to its run and must also be on lead prior to exiting the assembly area at the completion of its run. **Exiting the course in any place other than the finish gateway is not permitted.** It is the responsibility of the Event Management to ensure that leads are available to the handler at the completion of their run.

Rationale: for data preservation and to automate graduations for ribbon trials.

6.10 Uploading of Results.

All Clubs are required to upload all Championship, **Open, and Ribbon Trial results**, to the Agility Committee database within 1 week of the event.

Rationale: *to bring this into alignment with common practice at agility events which is currently in direct violation of show regulation 19.4.*

7.1.1.4 Competition by Judges and Officials

7.1.1.4.1 Judges may compete at any Agility Fixture provided they may not enter the class for which they are officiating.

7.1.1.4.2 Show Managers and officials may compete at any Agility Fixture at which they are officiating, provided a Deputy Show Manager is appointed who is to handle with any situation arising involving the show manager or other official where there is a conflict of interest.

7.1.1.4.3 Scribes and timekeepers may be any person(s) provided that, where the class is un-split, they may not enter that class. Where the class is split, they may not enter the particular height category for which they are officiating.

Rationale: *to add strength to the current harsh handling regulation.*

7.2.4 Deduction Elimination for Harsh Handling

Harsh handling of any kind is not tolerated. Judges ~~may shall add such faults as they think fit eliminate dog and handler~~ for any harsh handling of a dog at any stage of any Agility, Jumpers and/or Games Class, before, during or after the dog runs in the class whilst handler and dog are under their area of jurisdiction and/or scrutiny. ~~In an extreme case the dog and handler may be disqualified from that class.~~

Rationale: *to discourage trainee judges rushing through probationary requirements, and to ensure that other trainee judges have an opportunity to undertake appointments also*

7.8.7.6 Number of Probationary Appointments.

A maximum of one Probationary Judging Appointment can be held per day. **A trainee judge can do a maximum of one probationary appointment per weekend.**

Rationale: *adds missing eligibility for open and ribbon trial events.*

14.2.4 Eligibility for Open Agility Events

Dogs eligible for championship-level classes must participate in the corresponding class at Open Agility Events. Dogs that meet the eligibility criteria solely at Open Agility Events may compete at that specific level during Open Agility Events.

14.2.5 Eligibility for Ribbon Trials

Dogs eligible for championship-level and open-level classes must participate in the corresponding class at Ribbon Trials. Dogs that meet the eligibility criteria solely at Ribbon Trials may compete at that specific level during Ribbon Trials.

***Rationale:** to bring this into alignment with the graduation for agility classes, following on from the January overhaul of graduations and points system.*

15.2 Graduation in Jumpers Classes

15.2.1 Graduation from Grade C to Grade B

15.2.1.1 Criteria for Graduation

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade B classes when ~~is has achieved~~ they have achieved two first place wins with clear rounds in Grade C Jumpers classes.

In this case graduation is mandatory.

15.2.1.2 Optional Graduation

A dog shall become eligible to enter Grade B Jumpers classes:

- ~~• 2 wins with clear rounds in Grade C Jumpers classes or,~~
- By being awarded one ~~±~~ win with a clear round in Grade C Jumpers classes plus 3 points gained in such Jumpers C classes or,
- JD title by gaining 25 clear rounds in Championship Grade C classes. In these cases, graduation is optional ~~in this case~~ until such time as it becomes required by the Criteria for Graduation specified above.

15.2.1.23 Additional Criteria for Optional Graduation at Open Agility Events

A dog shall become eligible for entry into Grade B classes at Open agility events once it has gained any of the criteria in 15.2.1.1 or

- 25 clear rounds in Open Agility Event Grade C classes or,
- A combined total of 25 clear rounds from Open and Championship Agility Events

15.2.1.34 Additional Criteria for Optional Graduation at Ribbon Trials

A dog shall become eligible for entry into Grade B classes at Ribbon Trials once it has gained any of the criteria in 15.2.1.1 or 15.2.1.2 or

- 25 clear rounds in Ribbon Trial Grade C classes or,
- A combined total for 25 clear rounds from Open, Championship or Ribbon Trial Grade C classes.

15.2.1.45 Graduation using 25 clear rounds.

This is an optional method of graduation.

15.2.1.56 Clear Rounds gained at Specialist Breed Fixtures

When assessing the number of clear rounds gained under 15.2.1.2 and 15.2.1.3, clear rounds gained at Specialist Breed fixtures will not be counted towards the graduation criteria of the dog at an All Breeds fixture but will be counted towards the graduation criteria of the dog at subsequent Specialist Breed fixtures.

15.2.1.67 Graduation by optional methods

Once a dog graduates to Jumpers B using any of the optional methods, they cannot go back down to Jumpers C.

15.2.2 Graduation from Grade B to Grade A

15.2.2.1 Criteria for Graduation

A dog will become eligible for entry into Grade A classes when it has achieved **three first place wins with clear rounds in Grade B Jumpers**.

In this case graduation is mandatory.

15.2.2.2 Optional Graduation

A dog shall become eligible for Grade A Jumpers classes when it has achieved:

- ~~• 3 wins with clear rounds in Grade B Jumpers classes or,~~
- ~~2~~two wins with clear rounds in Grade B Jumpers classes plus a further ~~3~~three points (or JDX or 25 clear rounds) gained in such classes or,
- ~~1~~one win with a clear round in Grade B Jumpers classes plus a further ~~6~~six points (or three points plus JDX or three points plus 25 clear rounds) gained in such classes.

In these cases, graduation is optional until such time as it becomes required by the Criteria for Graduation specified above.

15.2.2.3 Once a dog graduates to Grade A Jumpers using any of the optional methods, they cannot go back down to Grade B Jumpers.

Moved: STT; Seconded: CM - APPROVED

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN BRONZE CAFÉ EXERCISE

Purina Pro Plan Canine Good Citizen – Bronze

Effective from 1 July 2023

Requirements for all assessments

AT ALL TIMES during the CGC exercises (at all levels) the dog **MUST**:

✓ wear a current registration tag.	✓ Wear some form of correctly fitted restraint (e.g., flat collar, slip chain, head collar, body harness).
✓ be attached to a lead held by the handler unless otherwise directed by an assessor, hosting club or as the exercises are described in this manual.	

The following behaviours ARE NEVER ACCEPTABLE (at all levels) during the CGC exercises:

X Display of fear.	X Trying to run away.
X Display of aggression.	X Excessive vocalisation including barking, whining, or howling.
X Anxiety.	X Lunging towards any distractions, other dogs, strangers, or assessor.
X Over exuberance.	X Regular pulling on, or a constant tight lead, whether held by the handler, someone else or

	while being tied up.
X Jumping up (handler, stranger, assessor).	X Inappropriate fouling such as on more than one occasion or on personal property.
X Notable resentment or reluctance to walk steadily with the handler.	

Note: Food, clicker, toy rewards or lures will be allowed to be carried by the handler but must be fully hidden during exercises, unless specifically stated in "Acceptable". Rewarding of the dog while it is not directly under assessment will be permitted, provided this does not interfere with the performance of another candidate.

18. Café Experience

Purpose: Demonstrates that the dog will remain in a set location beside handler while handler is seated at a table, of sufficient size to comfortably accommodate all participants.

Handler shall approach and sit at a table along with three other persons who may either also simultaneously approach the table or be already seated.

Handler is to command the dog to adopt a down position beside where they are seated.

All persons at the table are to engage in dialogue with one another for a minimum duration of **one** minute.

At the completion of **one** minute with all persons sitting at the table, a stranger is to encircle the group at the table before placing an item of food and a beverage for each person seated in front of them and then leave.

Once all food and beverages have been served, those seated at the table are to either continue with their dialogue and/or partake of the food and beverage delivered for a further **two** minutes.

At the completion of **two** minutes, each person seated may leave the table with their dog either simultaneously or individually.

Participants to walk away, with dogs on lead, from each other for a minimum of six paces.

Point to Note:

- Multiple handlers, up to a maximum of two, undertaking this exercise, may at the discretion of the Assessor, do so simultaneously. If there are two handlers being simultaneously assessed, then they shall be considered as part of the group of four.
- Handlers are permitted to bring to bring a mat or dog bed for their dog to lie on if desired.
- Any of the people sitting at the table who are **not** being assessed may **not** be permitted to have a dog with them.
- Assessor or appointed person shall indicate when a required minimum time has elapsed.

Acceptable

✓ Shows a mild interest or curiosity in surroundings and/or distractions.	✓ Slight startle reactions but responding immediately to handler's command to remain with them.
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Not acceptable

X Jumping up at handler or any people.	X Jumping up or any movement as an attempt to take the food.
X Lunging towards any possible naturally occurring or engineered distractions, people, animals, or equipment.	X Regular correction being required from the handler to remain in position.

Rationale for Alterations

Ensures consistency in the position the dog must adopt.

Clarity of identifying those involved in the exercise and their responsibilities.

Removes ambiguity of what “begging” may mean.

Moved: FH; Seconded: CR; - APPROVED

REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED GERMAN SHEPHERD:

Executive Council discussed the application to register an imported Australian Shepherd which was registered with the Australian Shepherd Club of America but not with the American Kennel Club

MOTION:

That the application to register the dog be declined due to lack of recognised export pedigree papers.

Moved: FH; Seconded: KM – Carried

REGISTRY REGULATION 17.1 EXPORTING OF DOGS

Proposal by CH&W Committee to Amend Registry Regulation 17.1

Rational:

Following the EC recommendation (April 2023), a proposed new part to the Registration Regulation (Section 1; 17. Exporting of Dogs) has been prepared and is shown below.

Recommendation:

That the proposed changes (in red) Registration Regulations; 17.1 Exporting of Dogs, be accepted.

17. EXPORTING OF DOGS

17.1 Export of Dogs

17.1.1 When a dog is exported a Certified Export Pedigree is issued by the New Zealand Kennel Club. This Certified Export pedigree must be presented to the Canine Control in the country where the dog is to be registered.

17.1.2 For dogs born after the 1st of March 2024, a Certified Export Certificate will only be issued by the New Zealand Kennel Club upon proof of parentage by DNA. The following documents must be submitted when applying for a Certified Export Certificate:

(i) The dog being exported must have a DNA genotype (DNA profile) identified by microchip provided by an authorised sampler from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

(ii) The dog being exported must have parentage verification of both SIRE and DAM from an approved laboratory and results supplied to Dogs NZ.

(iii) Frozen semen dispensation may be requested from Dogs NZ after supplying laboratory issued evidence that the DNA profile test on the semen failed.

(iv) Dispensations for dogs over two years after the 1st of March 2024 may be applied for and approved by the Canine Health & Welfare committee prior to issue of a Certified Export Pedigree.

RENUMBER 17.1.3/4/5/6/7

Moved: LD; Seconded: CR; – APPROVED

5 COMPLAINTS / DISPUTES

SUSPENSION OF KENNEL NAMES REPORT

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

1. Recommendation for Kennel Name Suspension

Under Registry Regulation 6.5, Director Secretary recommended that seven kennel names be suspended for failure to abide by Registry Regulation 9.1.1 after receiving the final 28 day late warning.

MOTION:

That the Kennel Names be suspended.

Moved: MH; Seconded: JB: - Carried

2. Transfer of Ownership Complaints

We have **two** transfer of ownership issues in which the owners of the dogs are asking Executive Council to use its powers under Registry Regulation 6.7

3. Registration Review

We have **one** request under Regulation 4.4 to review a registration of dog decision.

REGISTRATION DECISION REVIEW (1)

Application to Review Registry Decision

MOTION:

That registration stands as it meets NZKC registration regulations and we do not have jurisdiction over the complaint against the Australian breeder.

Moved: MH; Seconded: STT: - Carried

REGISTRATION DECISION REVIEW (2)

Application for Transfer of Ownership of Dog

MOTION:

That the registration ownership of bitch be transferred with no endorsement as per Registry Regulation 15.1.1 & 12.1.4

Moved: STT; Seconded: SM; - Open for Discussion

Against: KM

REGISTRATION DECISION REVIEW (3)

Application for Transfer of Ownership of Dogs

MOTION

That Executive Council use its power under 6.7 to transfer ownership of three dogs.

Moved: STT; Seconded: JB;- Carried

DISPUTES UPDATE REPORT

Report by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

There 3 official complaints being investigated by the Chair of Disputes Committee and the National Office is currently dealing with 9 additional complaints /disputes

BREEDERS CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES

Report by Rhea Hurley (Canine Health & Welfare Officer)

Approval for suspension of Kennel Names for non-payment of BCOC fines.

Moved: LD; Seconded: STT: - Carried

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DIRECTOR SECRETARY JUNE 2023 REPORT

Report presented by Steven Thompson Director Secretary (ST)

1. Key Strategic Plan Activities – FY 2023-24

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

Strategic Priorities: Membership Value/ Support & Empower Clubs***Resolution of Lower North Island Indoor Venue Issue***

After the decision to enter into a five year agreement with Manfeild Trust the following activities (many in partnership with the LNI Venue Working Group) have been completed or are underway:

- Zoom call with LNI Venue Working Group re: E.C. decision.
- Development of Q&A and short briefing papers on benefits of Manfeild decision
- Member coms via 2 x special Dog IE news issues and 3 page spread in June NZ Dog World, plus social media posts.
- Emails to All Breed / Dog Training clubs to start process of confirming pencil hold bookings.
- Negotiations with Manfeild Trust management team on 5 year MOU.

I am aiming to have a draft 5 year MOU for Executive Council to discuss at the June meeting.

Partnership Programmes

There will be a “soft launch” of the joint PD/Dogs NZ Insurance in June while we ensure that all the online application process are working and the PD Insurance pages on our website are functional. PD Insurance will use their presentation at ACOD to launch the product to members.

We are currently de-bugging and training staff on the new Dog-iE news design template and I would like to think that the first issue of the re-fresh design will happen in the next fortnight.

Membership Fee Structure Scenarios

This work on what a membership fee structure would look like if we had a standard membership with no magazine option has been delayed while I have concentrated on the Manfeild Venue announcement.

Strategic Priority: Registry Development

IT scope of Work Update

Mark Signal and Sue Connor are working towards an end date of early August to have the all the Registry / Membership systems automated on the new web based platform which will finally allow us to un-plug the old system.

Depending on the decision with the future of our Show Programme we will be either into a scope of work for upgrades of the show programme (payment systems etc) and/or scope of work for the website re-fresh in partnership with Purina and PD insurance.

Show Programme Decision

We have completed discussions with the two Australian show programme providers on registry integration and financial models and a late paper will be presented to Council for discussion at the June meeting.

Strategic Priority: Promoting Canine Health

Canine Health & Welfare & Registry Projects

The first RFG vet training workshop has been successfully held and we now have a good spread of trained RFG assessors in the North Island. We would still like to identify and train a vet in the Taranaki / Bay of Plenty regions to ensure that we have 100% coverage. Training workshops are scheduled for Nelson and Christchurch to ensure that we have adequate coverage of trained assessors in the South island.

ST discussed the report with Council.

Report Received: FH; Seconded: CM- Carried

MEMBERSHIP & CLUBS REPORT

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager)

Accounts

Annual accounts were emailed to all clubs on 3 April 2023.

There is currently 1 Affiliated All Breed Club, 36 Associated clubs and 4 recognised clubs who have not yet paid the account. All have been sent a reminder notice. The Affiliated All Breed Club has also been contacted by telephone and email. They are not sending a delegate to ACOD

2 of the associated clubs have advised of difficulties with changing signatories at their banks.

Note: the Pomeranian Club has held a AGM, elected a new committee and paid last year's outstanding account and will shortly pay this year's annual account.

Executive Council has asked the Club Manager to create a list of Clubs that have been dis-established and transferred assets to Dogs NZ.

Napier Kennel Centre & Wairoa Kennel Association – Update

At the April 2023 Executive Council meeting a request was made by Napier Kennel Centre and Wairoa Kennel Association to hold, in addition to their normal 2 championship shows each, two championship shows each that were not held due to Cyclone Gabrielle in March 2023.

These 4 shows were to be held at a time other than their normal show dates of March 2024 ie later in 2024 with dates yet to be confirmed. Both clubs have their 2 championship shows already loaded in the show diary for March 2024

Recommend that Executive Council approve the request as a one off given the circumstances

Moved: JB; Seconded: FH: - APPROVED

The Brittany Club

This club has advised that they were unable to form a committee in 2023. Consequently the club has been placed in recess.

Their funds have been transferred to Dogs NZ account to be held in trust and a stock of rosettes forwarded to Dogs NZ.

Recommend that Executive Council approves the disassociation of The Brittany Club

Moved: JB; Seconded: CM: - APPROVED

The Mastiff Club

Email received from the Vice President of The Mastiff Club requesting an exemption from holding an open show

They say

“Our club is quite small, as you may know, and as such, we are having trouble holding our shows.

In the past, we have held a Champ Show every year since being approved to hold one, and the first one was in 2009.

We have varying numbers of entries over the years, with the largest one being 25 in 2017.

Since being approved to hold Champ Shows, we have stopped holding Open Shows, primarily because it's hard enough to get the entries for a Champ Show, let alone an Open Show. Many of our entries are from pet owners who aren't really interested in showing but do it to make up numbers.

However, with the changes that occurred due to Covid and lack of accessibility of judges from overseas, Dogs NZ changed the requirements so that all clubs who held a Champ Show must also hold an Open Show.

The first year this happened, the North Island St Bernard Assn kindly organised an Open Show for the Giant Breeds that our breed could enter and qualify for having an Open Show. Last year, Dogs NZ accepted our request not to hold an Open Show.

We currently have only around 35 members who are spread over New Zealand and many won't come to a central location for a show. They don't have the interest and it's costly, especially if they have to catch a ferry as well.

The cost of arranging an Open Show in addition to a Champ Show is a major cost to our club. As you will know, we would have to pay for the judge, grounds and prizes, apart from trying to encourage our pet owners to enter, when there is no real advantage to them and their dogs. We already hold a champ show once a year, which is hard enough.

What I am asking from you is consideration for The Mastiff Club to get dispensation from holding an Open Show.

I have a feeling that many small clubs such as ours would be in a similar situation.”

Recommend that The Mastiff Club be approved NOT to hold an open show in 2023 and 2024

Motion:

That the recommendation be accepted but Executive Council to look at considering a future Show Regulation change that only All Breed Clubs hold compulsory annual Open Shows.

Moved: BH; Seconded: STT: - Carried

As this will affect Judges, NZDJA will be approached for consultation at their upcoming AGM.

Dog Trainers Association of NZ – Application for Recognition

An application has been received from The Dog Trainers Association of NZ for recognition by Dogs NZ.

They say

“The aim of the Dog Trainers Association of NZ is to provide ongoing education and support to dog training clubs and their instructors.

To do this over the past 5 years we have been organising and delivering seminars throughout the country covering topics which affect instructors in class situations dealing with both dog issues and people issues.

All our speakers have been local dog trainers who are currently taking classes within clubs and have many years’ experience in doing so.

Membership to the club is \$5 per annum and seminars are priced to cover costs to encourage clubs to subsidise their instructors to extend their knowledge therefore being more confident in their ability to train members of the public in the most effective and positive way possible.

Over the last couple of years with Covid reducing the amount of personal interaction we have focussed on creating an Accreditation Programme to upskill club trainers on the meanings of the modern language and science of dog training. The Accreditation Programme currently consists of Basic Level which has both a theory and a practical component. An Advanced Level is currently being worked on with the aim after that to split into the separate components of the different dog sports.”

They have provided a copy of their committee as well as copies of their latest financials.

Recommend that Dog Trainers Association be recognised by Dogs NZ

Executive Council discussed the application and while open to granting recognition status ask GC to talk to the Dog Training Association on what they are wanting to achieve with recognition. E.C. also noted that it does not recognise any Clubs with "New Zealand" in their title.

Report Received

DOGS ON REPORT JUNE 2023

Report by Colleen Begg (Membership Manager)

Payco's Arrow 04893-2021 Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) owned by R Hay

This male Chihuahua (Smooth Coat) has completed the 6 observations and 2 month stand down required after it bit the judge at Wanganui Kennel Society's championship show in January 2023.

Endorsement has been removed and the owner advised.

Shanorry Rock A Rnd Austin 03136-2020 Collie (Rough) owned by B Nelson

This male Collie (Rough) has completed 7 observations without incident. He was handled by his owner for all observations.

The endorsement has been removed from the dog's records and the owner advised.

Serenview Elixir Of Life 03844-2021 (German Shepherd (Stock Coat) owned by N Potts

This female German Shepherd (Stock Coat) has been placed on report after it bit the judge whilst being measured at Southland German Shepherd Dog Club's show on 3 June 2023.

Owner has been advised of 2 month stand down and the dog's records have been endorsed.

CH Chasers Del Raggola 03858-2020 Labrador Retriever owned by D Richards

This male Labrador (Retriever) was placed on report after an incident outside the ring at Tasman District Gundog Society's championship show on 16 April 2023. The show manager advised that at the conclusion of judging the handler (not the owner) of the Labrador (Retriever) stepped back and fell over the dog and the dog lunged towards a Pointer. The handler (not the owner) of the Pointer received marks down her legs although it was not clear whether these were scratch or bite marks. A week after the incident the marks were still visible and her legs bruised.

The owner has been advised that the dog is on 2 month stand down and of Show Regulation 19.13.5.7 "All observations must be undertaken by the handler who was involved when the dog was initially placed on report if that person is to handle the dog again in the future".

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

This male Miniature American Shepherd was placed on report after it was asked to leave the ring at Taieri Canine Training Club's championship agility and jumpers event on 19 December 2022.

The dog has now completed the required 6 observations by observers appointed by the Agility Committee. The endorsement has been removed and the owner advised.

Orry OB/9547 Border Collie owned by A Bujokova

This male Border Collie has now completed the required 2 month stand down and 6 observations after an incident at NZDAC on 23 October 2022.

Endorsement has been removed from the dog and the owner advised.

Executive Council discussed the report and the harsh handling issues which FH noted needs to be a tidy up in the show regulations.

Moved: CR; Seconded: GC: - Report Received

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

BREED STANDARDS REPORT

Report from Martin Hewitt, Chair: Breed Standards Committee

The committee met by email.

1. Chihuahua

A member has requested that we consider two amendments to the Chihuahua standard.

A: Adding Merle not being permitted

B: Increase the weight to 3kg. This could help reduce health issues in the breed, definitely whelping issues in the breed.

Currently our Standard is silent on the colour Merle and the weight range is "Up to 2.7 kg (6 lbs) with 0.9 to 1.8 kg (2 - 4 lbs) preferable."

Our Standard is the same as the Dogs Australia and the Royal Kennel Club Standards. Which both use the same weight definition as we currently have. As far as the colours are concerned both the DA and RKC standards have "Any colour or mixture of colours - but never merle (dapple)"

Recommendation 1

That the colour definition in our current Standard be amended by adding the words “but never merle (dapple)”

Recommendation 2

That the request to change the weight Standard be declined

Recommendation 3

That these decisions be advised to the Chihuahua Clubs and advertised in the next available Dog World with a request for comment.

Recommendation 4

Any submissions to be forwarded to the Breed Standards Committee prior to a final decision being made.

Moved: MH; Seconded: FH; -CARRIED

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from Lynley Drummond, Chair: Canine Health & Welfare

The Canine Health & Welfare Committee met via Teams on the 16th May 2023 *in lieu* of the originally planned f2f meeting.

An updated LRL status tracking spreadsheet has been created and uploaded into a shared folder to provide visibility over progress. There are currently 8 LRL's at various stages of the process.

The RFG rollout and planning is well underway with first 2 workshops having been held prior to the June EC meeting. Follow up with RKC for material has occurred and the business plan discussed.

CHWC has planned a series of articles for future NZ Dog World publications, including timed support material and notices regarding the proposed Regulation change.

LD discussed the report and the intention to have a new LRL Process chart on the Dogs NZ Web site to educate members on the revised LRL voting and approval process.

Moved: LD; Seconded: KM ; - Report Received:

FORRESTER PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report from Simon Monson Chair Forrester Park Management Committee

We have had our ups and downs these last few months with the facility being burgled over Easter weekend and theft of approximately \$1500 worth of items but minimal damage to the building. The concerning factor

being that a hirer left the door open so a considerable amount of effort has been placed in re-educating our hirers regarding security and responsibility. We have also addressed this issue by installing a low cost security system and internet which is running well.

Our new kitchen unit has been fitted and is a great improvement.

With planning our benefit shows we have found it increasingly hard to meet the nz judge requirements as there are no cost effective options for our area and we have concerns this will most likely effect the income from our benefit shows in the future.

We also have had considerable concern around the changing of rule 2.1.2.5.1.2 (over clashing of show dates). Clearly this does not effect our facility but we would like EC to consider the effect on our venue and hirers when future decisions are made as these rules can have a financial impact on clubs in our area and our Dogs NZ facility.

Moved: STT; Seconded: CR; - Report Received

AGILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by Paul Taylor, Chair Agility Committee

AC Committee Meeting

The last AC meeting was held at DNZ Head Office over the 13 and 14 May 2023.

Topics for Executive Council meeting:

Financial Matters.

We are still working with Kiwibank to update the account signatories following the change of committee. Most of these issues are surrounding law changes to do with Government requirements for anti-money laundering. We are currently in the fortunate position to have 2 authorised account operators so have devised a work around to keep finances progressing, but this may not always be the case so need to finalise a process. Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

Inaugural Agility Club Conference.

This has been widely welcomed by the club's offering agility and planning is now well advanced. We continue to get a few additional Clubs registering as the conference is now on a lot of radars. We are extremely pleased of the support provided for this.

NZDAC DNZ Show Levies

This continues to be an agenda item for the committee as we feel very strongly that we should not be having to pay DNZ show levies for this event. It is the National Agility show and is hosted by the Agility Committee on behalf of DNZ, all of the planning, administration and actual running of the event are completed without any burden on DNZ or its staff. The only support from National Office is the use of the DNZ sponsor for product. As far as we are aware the levy has never been charged or paid since the AC was first formed and we are simply trying to formalise this so that it doesn't appear as a cost that needs to be included in the budget, this would mean that income can be used to cover other expenses, while not having to increase the

cost of entries (which are already higher than normal show entry fees). As you can see there is no burden on DNZ for what is the National Agility Event within your calendar and we would really appreciate getting a positive outcome on this request.

Motion:

That NZDAC Show levies be paid from 2023 onwards.

Moved; CM, Seconded; LD – CARRIED

Against; CR

Regulation Changes

A number of Regulations are pre presented at EC meeting for ratification

Moved: CR Seconded; JB; - Report received

DOG TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Report presented by Geoff Collins (GC)

1. Dog Obedience Committee Meetings

There have been no further meetings since the last EC meeting. The next meeting will be on Sunday 25th June (after ACOD). This meeting will be held at the Kordia offices in Lambton Quay to avoid the cost of a meeting room at the Copthorne Hotel.

2. Judge Appointments and Promotions

The following person has been approved for promotion on the judging panels by the Obedience Judges Association:

- Promotion of Karen de Wit from the Rally-O Advanced to the Rally-O Excellent panel

Karen has met the requirements and been approved by DTC.

Moved; GC, Seconded; FH – APPROVED

3. April Voting Round

The results of the April voting round on regulation changes were as follows:

General

- Item 1: Voting on regulations changes regarding judging matters: **77.78% (Pass)**
- Item 2: Change of date/time of year for the NDTA to early May: **42.64% (Fail)**
- Item 3: Change to DTC Secretary regulation: **96% (Pass)**
- Item 4: Addition of DTC Treasurer regulation: **97.5% (Pass)**

Obedience

- Item 1: Allowing the use of coats in the Obedience ring: **50.68% (Fail)**
- Item 2: Removing one of the heelwork exercises from Test A: **71.62% (Pass)**

- Item 3: Choice of which heelwork exercise to remove if Item 2 passes: **82.49% for removing on-lead heelwork**
- Item 4: Awarding a Test C challenge for 3rd place if on 295 points or more: **66.97% (Pass)**

Rally-O

- Item 1: Combining Excellent A and Excellent B into a single class: **42.57% (Fail)**
- Approved Rally-O regulations to be ratified by E.C. email vote.

The items that passed (two thirds/66.67% or more required) will come into effect on 1 January 2024.

4. National Dog Training Assembly

Contracts for judges and stewards have all been sent out and returned. The Scentwork Committee declined our request to hold a Scentwork trial on the Friday morning of Labour weekend at the venue in Levin. Their reasoning (see below) was a bit odd:

- Given that it was in conjunction with an NDTA, it was felt that the venue was likely to be compromised with significant other activities occurring at the same time.
- NDTA's are predominantly viewed as a National Obedience Event, and Scent Work may therefore become a significant distraction from its original intent.

We have since appealed the decision and they replied saying they now had some concerns that "Regulations would be (or are likely to be) breached, and as we are a Dogs New Zealand Committee have sought opinion on this from the Dogs New Zealand Executive."

I have not seen anything come though about this yet, so I would like to get a decision on this at the June meeting.

Motion:

That Scent Work Novice Container A/B & Novice Vehicle Trials be disciplines offered at 2023 NDTA

Moved; JB, Seconded; CR – CARRIED

5. National Dog Show 2023

As reported at the last meeting, we will be holding the following Obedience and Rally-O classes at the National at Ardmore on the Wednesday of National week (4 October):

- Novice Obedience
- Test B Obedience
- Test C Obedience
- Rally-O Advanced
- Rally-O Excellent

It is planned to invite the top 15 dogs in each obedience test based on results from 1 October 2022 to 5 June 2023. The office has produced a ranking link for this period to help with the selection. If someone declines, we will move to the next person on the list until we have 15 (or close to it). For Rally-O, we will invite people to submit their results for that same period and select the top dogs from this. We do not currently have a ranking system for Rally-O.

Judges have been contracted: Wayne Loader (Obedience Test B), Clive Bushell (Obedience Novice and Test C) and Ruth Thorburn (Rally-O Advanced and Excellent).

I mentioned at the last meeting about running a full championship Obedience (and maybe Rally-O) show on the final weekend of the National week (perhaps Saturday morning plus Sunday) to make it

more attractive for people to travel to Auckland for the National. This was approved by EC. We are now thinking it would be better to run it on the Thursday and Friday (probably at the Counties Dog Training Club grounds) so there is a show straight after the National Obedience and Rally-O on the Wednesday. This will also avoid being rushed on the Saturday to get back for the Best in Show and Test C presentations at Ardmore.

6. Levies and the new DTC bank account

I am still waiting to see deposits of show levies from Obedience, Rally-O and Working Trials events into the new Dog Training Committee bank account starting and will follow up with Clive.

Geoff Collins spoke to the report and ask about the availability of expandable ring barriers for NDTA and if there was the opportunity for additional sponsorship from our partners for participation in NDS. ST to coordinate.

- Report Received

CAININE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from Arend van de Bos: Dogs NZ CGC Chairperson

Dogs NZ CGC Committee meeting

Since the last EC report, Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings via Zoom were held on Sunday March 29th and Sunday April 30th.

Next two meetings' Dogs NZ CGC Committee meetings are scheduled for Sunday May 28th and June 25th, 2023.

CGC Manual

Inadvertently, draft copies for the Silver and Gold Café Exercises that had been approved by the Dogs NZ CGC Committee were not presented at the last Dogs NZ EC Meeting. However, a draft copy of the CGC committee approved Bronze Café Exercise was.

Following feedback from the Dogs NZ EC regarding the Bronze "Café Exercise", some alteration to the original draft has been made, been re-approved by the CGC Committee, and is now presented back to the Dogs NZ EC in the Regulations Section of the June Agenda for endorsement. If endorsed, an "effective from" date of 1st July 2023 is requested.

If endorsed, this Exercise will need to be added to the CGC Manual and the CGC Bronze Assessment Form.

Also following feedback from the Dogs NZ EC last meeting, introduction of the Silver and Gold Café Exercises will be reviewed at a later date this year with a view to becoming effective from 1st January 2024. This is to enable an appraisal of the Bronze Café Exercise to be accomplished in the interim which may result in changes being made to the current drafts.

ECAP: EC endorsement for the Bronze Café Exercise, with an effective date of 1st July 2023.

Annual CGC Assessor License Fee

It is understood that invoices for the annual Dogs NZ CGC Assessor license fee will be distributed to all CGC Assessors shortly.

CGB Assessment Form

It was noted that unlike for Canine Good Citizen Assessments, Canine Good Citizen Basics did not have a formal Assessment Form. Chris Tews of the Dogs NZ CGC Committee therefore designed an appropriate Canine Good Citizen Basics Assessment Form, which has subsequently been added to the list of CGC Assessment Forms available from the CGC Webpage.

CGC Assessment Notifications

There has been a persistent number of members expressing frustration and dismay at not knowing when a CGC Registered Society is hosting CGC Assessments. The CGC Manual (pp4) very clearly states that “**The hosting club shall notify the CGC secretary at least 3 weeks in advance** of any impending CGC assessment including details of contracted assessor/s, levels, dates, and proposed location/s. Email notifications to be sent to cgc@dogsnz.org.nz”

A reminder of this requirement has recently been sent to all registered Dogs NZ CGC Societies. However, while this has resulted in an increase in the number of Societies now providing notifications, there still remains a persistence of those who are failing to do so.

Dogs NZ EC feedback is sought as to what, if any, actions should be taken if a Society hosts a CGC Assessment without prior notification.

ECAP: EC feedback on any action to be taken regarding a society’s failure to comply with a CGC Manual requirement. That is, notification of an impending CGC Assessment.

CGC Webpage Reconstruction

The CGC Webpage continues to undergo development with the continued assistance of Sue Connor and Suzy Moreno.

Since the last CGC Committee Report, the following two actions have occurred since the last CGC Report. These being:

- Identification of CGC Assessor Status (now that the CGC Assessor Panel has two levels).
- Assessment Day notifications.
- CGC Basic Assessor Listing.

Future work includes:

- Acknowledgement of CGC Basic Qualifiers.
- An updating of the FAQ’s

Online Examinations

Development of an online examination programme to enable CGC candidates to do their assessment examination online is ongoing.

Urban Program

An Urban Program, which will be run concurrent with the Dogs NZ CGC program is continuing to be investigated, with considerable progress already having been made.

Applications and Appointments

One application (Kat Thorstrand) to be a registered CGC Foundation/ Bronze Assessor was received and approved. Dogs NZ EC have subsequently endorsed this appointment.

Two applications, (Angela Adams and Deborah Gillam) to be a registered CGB Assessor was received and approved.

Moved; CR, Seconded; GC – CARRIED

BH updated Council on the progress of establishing online examinations. Council discussed the issue of CGC Assessment notifications. ST to check office process and place a reminder in Dog iE news about the requirements to notify the office 3 weeks in advance.

Moved: STT; Seconded: FH; - Report Received

SCENT WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Report from Arend van de Bos, Chair Scent Work Committee

Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee

Since the last Dogs NZ Scent Work report, there have been two Scent Work Committee meetings, conducted through “Zoom,” on April 19th and May 10th.

The next two scheduled meetings are June 12th and July 2nd, 2023.

2. Scent Work Committee Administration

In accord with the Dogs New Zealand policy to annually call for nominations for positions on their committees, an invitation for expressions of interest to be part of the Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee has been published in the 18th May 2023 issue of the DOG-iE News.

3. Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations

In line with a request by the Dogs NZ EC that proposed Regulation submissions be restricted to their April and November meetings, a number of Regulation changes were presented to the April 2023 EC Meeting, with an effective date of 1st June 2023 being sought. These requested regulation changes predominantly related to Scent Work Classes and Levels being introduced on a graduated annual basis to allow for sufficient familiarization to be established while ultimately establishing International Scent Work Qualification equality.

It was with particular gratification that endorsement for the regulations submitted to the Dogs New Zealand EC was given. This will without doubt enable Dogs New Zealand Scent Work to become both considerably more enriched in what they are able to provide participants and, further promote its already phenomenal national growth.

Along with the considerable number of changes Scent Work Regulations have undergone recently, particularly with the introduction of Scent Work Classes and Levels, effort has been made to better summate the regulations without losing current precepts. Fiona Hodgson has offered her willingness to examine the regulations with this purpose in mind. As a result, Fiona provided the Scent Work Committee with a considerable number of recommended changes to the existent Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Regulations. A

significant amount of the recommendations proposed by Fiona was accepted by the Scent Work Committee at their last meeting. These supported changes will be presented for endorsement by the Dogs New Zealand EC at their November 2023 meeting.

4. Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges.

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

- Amerillis Farmer (Advanced Exterior).
- Jane Morgan (Novice Container; Novice Exterior).
- Rachel Rait (Novice Interior).

Subject to Scent Work Committee approval (on 12th June 2023).

- Zoe Hogg (Novice Container).
- Barbara Nolan (Novice Exterior).

ECAP: EC endorsement for Amerillis Farmer; Jane Morgan; Rachel Rait; Zoe Hogg; Barbara Nolan.

Motion:

That Executive Council endorse the promotion of Amerillis Farmer, Jane Morgan; Rachel Rait; Zoe Hogg; Barbara Nolan.

Moved; FH, Seconded; CR – CARRIED

Executive Council noted that Amerillis Farmer is to pass appropriate exams for Excellence Container, Interior, Vehicle Panel before any ratification of promotion.

5. Dogs NZ Scent Work Trials.

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

- Counties Dog Training Club (1 July 2023).
- 2023 National Dog Training Assembly Committee (20 October 2023).
- South Canterbury Dog Training Club (6 – 7 April 2024).
- North Shore & Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Clubs (20 – 21 April 2024).

All with the exception of the application from the National Dog Training Assembly were approved.

The National Dog Training Assembly Committee's application was declined on the basis that the conduct of a Dogs New Zealand Qualifying Scent Work Trial as part of the NDTA programme may breach current Dogs New Zealand Obedience regulations with respect to the conduct of NDTA's.

There was also concern raised regarding the availability of suitable areas free from potential interferences.

This includes the fact that Novice Classes is not permitted to be viewed other than by appointed Search Trial Officials. Any purpose to use this as a showcase event is therefore ineligible.

6. Dogs NZ Scent Work Members.

Currently, the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register indicates a roll of 516 of which 80% are current Dogs NZ Members.

FH discussed the issues around the voting proposal and BH will discuss with the Scent Work Committee

Chair.

Moved: FH; Seconded; JB- Report Received:

NZDJA COMMITTEE

Executive Council discussed the report from Acting Chair Keith Brown and noted that a Judge Candidate cannot sit a practical exam before they have passed the Theory Exam. Director Secretary to write to NZDJA , quoting appropriate Judges Regulation.

Moved: JB; Seconded: BH; - Report Received:

MUSEUM TRUST COMMITTEE

Well it has been well over a year since I have written a report for the museum trust and since the closure of our museum from the old building it has been very hard to try and move forward I myself have paid the fees for the Assn which I am sure I will be paid back once we will hold another event such as championship shows etc. But I do have a thought and I hope EC will support me in holding back to back Championship shows in our new venue in Fielding and just trying to work out a time in 2024 and working with Dogs NZ on dates etc.

My own thoughts are working with a full team to bring the National dog show back to Fielding in 2024 of which I would very much like to be part of and in so doing using many local people from the area to help run the event of which would include the National Dog Show I do like the format that we used in Blenheim in running the 2 shows side by side but holding the in shows all during the day on the Saturday so the national would run over the Tuesday till the Saturday and then on the Monday I would be able to hold back to back 2 Championship shows for the museum trust and this would allow plenty of time for breed clubs to hold shows during the evening of the national and group clubs could run shows on the weekend before or on the Sunday after. I am also very open to work with both obedience and Agility as I have always thought we should work hand in hand in showing dogs both in breed and sport.

Back to trying to find a new home for our Museum and my thoughts are that this will have to be done in the long term at our Auckland venue and this will be up to me and my team to work together to raise funds to be able to do this. As I have reported before Cathie reported to me that many of the items that went into storage did not need to do so in saying this we still have most of the storage space taken up with old books and mags etc so going forward this will need to be dealt with.

And my thoughts are that we buy good quality show cases which could be used in the board room at the wellington office as their would only be about 3 units that would be needed for china etc and just hoping that all paintings are safe etc.

I have had a request from Otago Kennel Assn to apply for a benefit show to be hold in March 2024 for the Museum Trust which would allow this club 3 shows over the one weekend and I do hope that EC would approve this.

Moved: CM; Seconded: CR; - Report Received:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

NDS 2024

Director Secretary is to check on the current status of the proposed Blenheim NDS show and to look at potential pencil bookings at Manfeild Arena for NDS 2024.

NDS 2023

SM presented a verbal update on the planning for NDS 2023 which included:

- E.C. to confirm dates of arrival for NDS so accommodation bookings can be confirmed.
- ST to discuss with PD Insurance presence at show.
- Details of van hire to be confirmed
- National Office to follow up sponsor leads.
- Ardmore venue hire and car parking negotiations
- Streaming supplier agreement
- Development of site plan
- Show Schedule to be in July NZ Dog World
- National Office to send Photography contract applications

HIRE OF ARDMORE FOR NON PEDIGREE BULLY SHOW

KM raised the issue of reputational risk that Dogs NZ may have incurred with the decision of the Ardmore Management Committee to accept a booking for a non-pedigree Bully Show.

ACOD REMITTS

Executive Council discussed the two EC remits. BH will present Remit 5 and ask Geoff Whitfield to speak to it. MH will present Remit 6 and immediately move the required amendments.

CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

A reminder notice is to be placed in Dog-iE news that the change to Show Regulation 22.9 (sending scanned copies of all Challenge certificates) also applies to all title awards.

EC CODE OF CONDUCT

FH to make changes to EC protocols regarding code of conduct and circulate to Council. To be updated on website together with new E.C. committee lists approved at July Meeting. Order of minutes

FUTURE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Executive Council will devote the Sunday of the July 22/23 meeting for a discussion on potential governance structure change. FH paper to strategy Committee, John Greens 2009 Discussion Document & 2014 Grant Thorndon Report to be distributed prior to meeting.

DROPBOX FOR BOARD PAPERS

LD asked the National Office to investigate the use of Drop Boxes for the provision of electronic copies of the Council papers and would like to see pedigree papers printed on high quality paper and mailed flat in A4 envelopes.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

Leave of absence for the E.C. meeting on Sunday 23 July was granted to Steven Thompson (Director Secretary).

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

Next Meeting

- 22-23 July (Christchurch)

2023 Dates:

- 16-17 September (Auckland)
- 25-26 November (Wellington)

BH closed the meeting at 5pm on 23 June 2023.