

Minutes of Meeting

10:15 – 25 June 2017

In attendance: Karen de Wit, Wayne Grant, Sallie Remon, Carl Ranford, Chris Richardson, Joanne Rennell, Diana Gausden, Bevan Dale

Apologies: None

Election of Chair:

Bevan withdrew his nomination and congratulated Carl on the role of Chair.

Election of Officers

- Vice Chair
Sallie wanted to nominate Bevan for this, but Bevan mentioned that having Vice Chair and EC as the same position was not conducive for EC when the EC rep couldn't attend. Sallie nominated for Vice Chair, Carl seconded.
- EC rep – Carl nominated Bevan, seconded by All. Accepted.
- Secretary – Diana nominated by Chris, seconded by Jo. Accepted.
- Treasurer – Chris nominated Jo, seconded by Bevan. Accepted.

Carl thanked the incoming officers for taking on the roles for this term. Karen thanked herself for taking on the role of Treasurer last year. Carl apologised and extended his thanks to Karen for taking over that role.

- Judges' Sub-Committee
Sallie spoke and said that forming this sub-committee was one of the main reasons for standing. Wants to set up a judge's sub-committee with three members of the agility committee and three judges. Sallie wanted to be Chair of that subcommittee. Carl nominated Sallie as a member, Bevan nominated Chris, Chris nominated Jo. Carl happy to remain off the sub-committee. Sallie suggested Fiona Hodgson, Nick Chester and Libby Ellery to be the three approached for the judges' representatives. This was met with approval around the table.
- Heights Review Sub-Committee
Carl nominated Karen, Sallie nominated Wayne. Karen nominated Carl. Accepted. Bevan suggested co-opting three members from the agility community to be on the sc. Kim Nicol, Keri Neilson, Nicola Parmenter to be approached.
- Equipment Sub-Committee
This would cover standardisation of equipment, suppliers and CoFs. Carl was concerned that this may be a rather large task. Sallie nominated Wayne, Carl, Chris and Karen. From the community, Roy Thorndycraft and Paul Needham to be approached.

- Canine Health & Welfare Rep
This is for the EC subcommittee – Carl nominated Karen. Karen nominated Claire Smith. Sallie asked that Karen take on the role, but to let the EC subcommittee know that we would only discuss items relevant to agility. Agreed.
- Junior Dog Training Rep
Wayne nominated Sallie.
- International Sub-Committee
Sallie would like to nominate Bevan, Chris seconded. Bevan accepted. As well as competing overseas, this will involve international seminars. Joanne nominated Sallie. Joanne reminded the Agility Committee that seeding money was on offer previously to offer auditing spaces at a reasonable cost and open to all. Sallie would like to ask Kevin Burnette to join. Dyson Beasley to be asked. Carl would like to be on sub-committee too.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes from March cannot be confirmed as there are insufficient members to confirm.

Bevan's resignation was briefly discussed at the Skype meeting of April.

Matters Arising:

- Calendar
Karen stated she had not received much feedback regarding the calendar, but points raised had been actioned. The dates given to North Otago and Taieri were queried. Carl thanked Karen for taking on the role. Carl mentioned that the number of shows had reduced in his region. Hawera would like to run a six Jumpers event but this puts Hawera over their Agility vs Jumpers quota. Joanne asked for a report on the number of Jumpers events versus Agility– **Karen**. A balance of events is still the preference of the Agility Committee.
Consideration to be given for free weekends for AC meetings where possible.
- Games Regulations
Jumpers Pairs to reflect one pair being reckoned as one entry – **Diana**
Bi-directional long jump for Gamblers. Bevan raised findings from a report which showed that this was an unsafe obstacle. To be investigated further – **Bevan/Karen**. Statement to be issued to the judges regarding the use of the long jump whilst this research is being carried out.
- Column in Dog World re: etiquette
To be drafted on Loomio. All members to contribute. To be communicated broadly across FB, Dog World, and via club secretaries. Carl and Diana to be given admin rights to FB NZKCAC page.
One of the official communication pages to be NZKCAC facebook page.
Diana to post with prefix of OFFICIAL AC CORRESPONDENCE.
Judges FB Group – Carl to bring back correspondence to the Agility Committee.

- SuperChamps
Sue Connor is the contact at Dog World to organise the certificates. To be retrospective. 100 challenges produced for any dogs. **Joanne**
Bevan asked to have a reg written. **Diana**
- Growth in Agility
Data was retrieved from past catalogues and NZKC regarding handlers, dogs and entry numbers. There has been a decline in handler and dog registrations and the entries are remaining stable currently. Bevan stated that this information was important to determine future KPIs for the Agility Committee. Need to set Vision, then Values and Mission.
Bevan asked how the Agility Committee saw agility in 2020. Bevan saw international competition, Karen saw all clubs strengthen with all members competing, Wayne new members, stronger clubs. Sallie wanted regional representatives that worked within clubs to attract these new members, also international competition as well as grass roots competition. Carl wanted standardisation of equipment. Chris wanted to see the sport go global but at the same time, simply having a bit of fun with the club. Joanne would like to see a fairness within different height classes. Diana would like to see more use of technology.

Summarised:

Competing on world stage with world class dogs and world class handlers

Strong clubs

New members

Aspirational sport delivering growth to the grassroot sport

Growing sport across all demographics delivering world class professional sport through a world class consistent prospect

Inclusive sport supporting every individual achieving their personal goals

Fair sport for dogs and handlers

A sport using world class innovative technology leading world class outcomes.

Correspondence

- Weave Poles with T-bars – Allan Rohde
Reply that ongoing research has been done and this will be referred to the new equipment subcommittee which will be looking at weaves and their standardisation.
- Judging Issue – Lyn Sayers and Allan Rohde
The poor treatment of Lyn Sayers and Allan Rohde as mentors was discussed. An official letter from Sallie to come.
- Wakatipu Dog Agility Club – Sarah Auld
This club wishes to be affiliated but may be another year away. Wayne will correspond to let them know funds can be released upon affiliation.
- Queenstown Dog Agility Club – Flip Collins & NZKC
Wayne moved that we ask NZKC to recognise Queenstown as an official club. Seconded by Joanne.

Becky joined the meeting to talk about Canine Health & Welfare.

Becky explained that the NZKC subcommittee wished to have a representative from AC. The primary purpose was for the accredited breeders' scheme. This has morphed. MPI have indicated that they have gone from welfare concerns on selective breeding to animals in entertainment and the NZKC would like to be ahead of them in terms of health and welfare. Sallie asked what the time commitment would be. Every second EC meeting or four months or so. Karen declined the position, Wayne nominated Bevan and he accepted.

- Agility Club Membership Proposal – Kim Nicol
This was agreed to by the Agility Committee. Sallie recommended that reasoning be publicised for this change. 5.2 is the agility rule – Diana to ask Peter Dunne if this can be changed by the Agility Committee or if it is a governance issue. Reply to Kim to say the idea is favourable towards the proposal and the Agility Committee are looking into the potential of getting the regulations changed to incorporate this amendment.
- Micro Height and A Frame Height – Cynthia Muir
Reply to Cynthia to say that both topics were discussed and referred onto both the equipment and height review sub-committees.
- Funding, LHS Dog Training Club – Emily Tighe
This club is not registered with NZKC. They were offered the opportunity to run Kidsfest, but no response has been received to this proposal. They require to be recognised by NZKC before the AC is able to offer funding.
- Tracy Sklenar workshop – Beverley Thompson
This appears to be a private seminar. The AC is happy to seed \$5000 for a club request for seminar and have the auditing spots open to all.

Diana moved that the correspondence be accepted. Carl seconded.

Financial Report

Monthly financial reports are on the website.

Possible extra financial assistance may be required for NZDAC18. Bevan reminded that a budgeted presentation would be required.

- South Canterbury equipment grant - \$1,000
- CCOC equipment grant – \$695
- Upper Hutt equipment grant - \$1700
- North Taranaki seminar grant - \$400 - approved
- Akarana instructor grant - \$120 – approved

Due to time constraints, the discussion will be moved to Loomio.

Carl proposed a maximum of \$1,000 for equipment grants. Sallie seconded.

Diana asked if this was per club or per equipment. It was determined this was per grant. \$10,000 limit for the year.

- Grants (What they are/we wants/changes) – carried forward.

Area Reports

- Club Reps
Diana – Whangarei, North Shore, NorWest, Akarana, ACAC, APGSDL and Manukau
Bevan – Tokoroa, Hibiscus Coast, WAG, Cambridge, CHB, Gisborne,
Chris – Counties, EBOP, Huntly, Tauranga, Mt Maunganui, Mangawhai, Rotorua, Taupo
Karen – Upper Hutt, DAWG, Horowhenua, Wairarapa, Feilding, and South Rangitikei
Carl – North Taranaki and Hawera Napier, Hawkes Bay Wanganui
Joanne– Selwyn, Mid Canterbury, South Canterbury
Wayne – Blenheim, Nelson, Waimakariri, CCATS, CCOC, SI German Shepherd League
Sallie - Southland, OCTC, North Otago, Taieri

Team Trials

Caitlin's request to be considered for Zone 1 is approved.

Representatives

Zone 1 - Chris

Zone 2 – Ask Cam

Zone 3 – Carl

Zone 4 – Jo

Zone 5 - Sallie/Wayne

Core Values of this AC

Carry forward due to lack of time.

Long Term Plan & Vision Statement

Carry forward due to lack of time.

NZDAC

Bevan asked if the ac was happy for him to remain as DAC representative. Agreed. All sponsorship of classes has been sold. Constructive meeting with Masterpet. Measurement of sponsorship success is \$ spent divided by numbers of public. This does not include television coverage.

- Showerblock organised
- Trying to find second coffee cart
- Caravan club organised to help with jump stewards
- Evening events well underway
- Online entries ready to open on 1 July

Equipment/CoF

- Weave Pole Standard
- Five Yearly CoFs – priority to CoF gear being lent to DAC. Chris would like to know if he was eligible to go forward with CoF checking. Approved. Joanne asked if the \$100 per CoF, per CoF'er payment was still going to be paid. Agreed.
- Equipment Design Standards
- Certified Equipment Manufacturers
- CoF Progress and Processes

To be forwarded to Equipment sub-committee.

Access to the Results

Diana asked for results to be shared to ensure competitor's information and eligibility of entry is ensured. Further discussion required.

DogWorld Magazine

Joanne Rennell approached Kelly Daniel to write a number of columns for the Dog World.

Any Other Business

- Levies – NZKC levies are currently 85c per entry. The Agility Committee has been charging 65c per entry. Proposed to raised agility levies to 85c.
 - Bevan - yes
 - Karen - no
 - Wayne - yes
 - Sallie - yes
 - Carl - yes
 - Chris - yes
 - Joanne- yes
 - Diana - yes
- All Committee members to send in their contact information and a picture to Karen to put on the website.
- Sallie showed the AC the styles of jackets proposed for the judges.

Next Meeting

Face to face 23 July 2017

Meeting Concluded

3:30pm