



## Minutes of Meeting

9.40am – 28 April 2018

**In attendance:** Carl Ranford, Joanne Rennell, Diana Gausden, Wayne Grant, Sallie Remon, Steve Chester, Bevan Dale and Chris Richardson (via Skype)

### **Confirmation of Minutes:**

Diana moved that the minutes be approved, Sallie seconded.

### **Matters Arising:**

- Volunteer Awards - Dot Mote was recognised with an award for her services, presented to her by Chris Richardson.
- North Otago CTC - a Special General Meeting was proposed to be held to help mediate with Sallie and Wayne in attendance. A meeting was held without involving AC. No resolution appears to be able to be made. Propose to send North Otago an email explaining that the matter will have to be referred back to EC. **Sallie**
- South Rangitikei DTC - As per Agility Regulations 2.1, the club will need to be informed that no agility training can now be offered by the club. **Diana**
- Judges Survey - sent out in March 2018 regarding issues regarding the collapsible tunnel, start line procedures, jump approaches, up contacts and Elementary scoring.
- Training Equipment - concern about equipment that has failed a CoF being kept for personal training. Reminder to be placed on Facebook that unsafe equipment should not be continued to be used at clubs for training. **Carl**

### **Correspondence**

- JDT Proposal - approve Option 1 with the exception of the trials being held on a set course. **Diana**
- Judges - P Dunne. Linda Mortimer, Jinnie Gailey, Erin Ball and Misha Baxter to Agility Judge's Trainee Panel; Jess Tansey and Emily Tighe promoted to Agility Judge Ribbon Trial Panel; Graeme Jefferies promoted to Agility Judges's Panel. The letter asked if AC wanted to put RT and Trainee panel judges on the Registry database. Agree to RT level only - **Diana**.
- Jumpers Awards - A Proctor. Proposal to tidy up qualification initials including agility, jumpers and milestone qualifications and the removal of the superfluous A/Advanced from ADX qualifications. **Diana** to correspond with Dogs NZ.
- Seminar Attendance Grant - A Benson. Approved.
- Measurers - D Sealey, J Arcscott, K Pierson and E Gregg - approved.

Diana's Tracking List for correspondence to be updated weekly on the website.

Diana moved that the correspondence be accepted. Jo seconded.

## **Financial Report**

Joanne presented the Financial Transactions for March 2018.

Counties' equipment grant discussed. Needs to go via Equipment Subcommittee first.

Jo moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Sallie.

## **Area Reports**

Jo - helping organise training trainers for South Island.

Diana - All quiet, no issues to report.

Bevan - Assisting Tokoroa with training classes.

Wayne - No news.

Sallie - North Otago discussed earlier. Otago have no trainers currently.

Emailed the clubs regarding a Train the Trainers day, two clubs responded, date proposed, no further progress.

Carl - Wanganui want to change the format to the show. Hawera also wish to add more Jumpers. Fielding dates shuffled. Carl discussed Zone allocation of jumpers and agility as opposed to club allocation and as Z3 was short on jumpers could we have more, if so Hawera would be keen.

Steve - responsible for the following clubs: EBOP, Central Hawkes Bay, Gisborne, Napier and Hawkes Bay.

Chris - competitor complaint referred to EC and all correspondence regarding this to be directed to Peter Dunne.

## **NZDAC**

2019 DAC committee is Sallie Remon (Chair), Flip Collins (Vice Chair), Karen Grant (Secretary), Reece Smith (Treasurer), Kate Butler (Show Secretary), Paul Remon (Show Manager), Teresa Walker, Brent Cowie, Jake Remon, Vickie Fox, Karen Turner, Lesley Lee, Eleanor Tosh, Rae Evans, Belinda Culling and Nicola Kerr. The Committee approved the venue and also seeding money and any deposit to be paid for the grounds.

2018 DAC held a meeting at Horowhenua last weekend. Fundraising efforts in progress and benefits shows planned. Camping details shared to the Committee. Promotional drone video being produced. Judges contracted and accommodation booked for them.

## **Equipment/CoF**

Wayne to approach Roy Thorndycraft to see if he will assist in COFing equipment in time for Zone 5 DAC.

Carl stated he'd like to encourage clubs to keep improving their gear to those with safer designs, particularly in regard to tunnel cradles.

## **Measurers**

Applications to become Measurers have been made by the following people: Kirsten Piersen, Emma Gregg, Diane Sealey, Jayne Arscott. Approved by Committee, Wayne to reply.

## **GJP**

Contracts signed and venues in Fielding and Christchurch to be finalised.

## **Collapsible Tunnel Suspension**

Suspension to be a permanent measure for longer collapsible tunnels.

## **5 Meter Rule for Collapsible Tunnel**

New Regulation 13.13.1 Consecutive Jumping Obstacles to be adjusted to suit the suspension of the longer collapsible tunnels. Carl

## **Club Inventory Forms**

Four or five inventories still outstanding. Carl to chase for the remainder.

## **Metal Lugs**

Heights and Equipment Subcommittees both wish for the removal of all metal lugs. With the conclusion of the Heights Review, regardless of the outcome, no metal lugs will be allowed on jumps on 1 January 2019.

## **Call Board Changes**

The practice of some competitors to move their dogs to the end in order to observe others running the course is unsportsmanlike in the opinion of the AC. Competitors to be reminded that the call sheet order is to be adhered to as much as possible. Carl

## **Jumpers Pairs Entries**

If only one half of a Jumpers Pairs team enters, this is not considered a full entry, therefore the Regulation regarding withdrawal/rematch of partners does not apply.

## **Games Course Times**

Course times clarified with three decimal points.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. Reconvened at 9:10am, 29 April

## **SubCommittee Reports**

- Judges

Chris spoke on some Regulations that the subcommittee wanted to have tidied up including judge exams, probationary appointments, Mentor Panel, Retired Panel, Appointment regulations. Ron to be asked for assistance with rewriting the Regulations to make them clearer and more concise.

- Heights  
Report and survey options presented to the AC, showing the current scenario, what is available in other countries and five possible scenarios outlined. A timeline for consultation to community and resolution was set.
- Equipment  
Certified Vendor Approval forms are starting to arrive. Equipment want to see soft polymer lugs instead of nylon. Collapsible tunnel funding discussed. Bidirectional jump to be redesigned as a new obstacle. Proposed survey on perceived fairness and safety on each piece of equipment. Weaves standardisation discussed including possible powder coating the bases. Advising to add shrink wrap bands on weave and jump poles.
- Schools  
Report to be written regarding the minutes that Susan Tansey read to the Open Forum yesterday. Diana
- International  
The Committee wish to create an international trainers calendar so competitors know when seminars are being held and what dates are taken - this can include private seminars.

### **Results of the Judges' Survey**

13.13.2 - Following the suspension of the long collapsible tunnel, this rule will be deleted.

13.8.1.2 - In Elementary, Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Senior classes up to three refusals may be awarded under Agility Regulation 13.5.4.9 (thereby incurring disqualification in terms of Agility Regulation 13.7.3.)

13.7.3 - Mandatory Disqualification - Starting a run before the judge has indicated. It was agreed that judges could either put on the call board or announce before the class commences how they will acknowledge the competitor that they are ready for them to start.

### **EC Matters**

Clubs should be receiving voting forms for EC delegates soon. Financial meeting to be held at ACOD between disciplines and Dogs NZ. Ian Gray to be recognised for all his work in setting up agility in New Zealand.

### **Election Submission Results**

Submissions were called for regarding proposed Regulations changes. After consideration of those submissions, the following Regulation changes will be sent through to EC for approval.

#### **3.1.1 Members**

The Dogs NZ Agility Committee consists of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and six representatives, of which two must reside in each of the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Only persons that are currently registered as Agility Voters by being a financial member of Dogs NZ and a registered agility society are eligible to stand for membership of the Agility Committee.

### 3.1.2 Term of Office.

Members of the Agility Committee will sit for two years from 30 November to 29 November.

### 3.1.5 Executive Committee Delegate

A member of the Agility Committee will be selected to be the Executive Council delegate. This person will represent the Agility Committee on Executive Council of the NZKC during their term of office. This member will be subject to all protocols and standing orders of the Executive Council. This member may be the Chairperson of the Agility Committee, or another Agility Committee member. They will be selected by the Agility Committee.

### 3.1.6 Deputy Executive Committee Delegate

The Agility Committee shall elect from its office holding members (3.1.4 & 3.1.7) a Deputy Executive Committee delegate who shall represent the Agility committee at any Executive Council meeting and any other official function when the delegated member is unable to attend. The Deputy Executive Committee delegate will be subject to all protocols and standing orders of the Executive Council.

### 3.1.7 Deputy Agility Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Agility Committee

The Agility Committee shall elect a Deputy Agility Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer from amongst its members. The Deputy Agility Chairperson shall chair the AC meetings in the absence of the Agility Chairperson. If both are absent those members present will vote a member to chair that meeting.

### 3.1.8 Venue of Meetings

The Agility Committee shall decide the Venue of its meetings taking into account suitability and location of members.

### 3.1.9 Frequency of Meetings

The Agility Committee will meet a minimum of six times a year throughout the year as the calendar permits. This may include meetings via Skype.

### 3.1.10 Notice of Meetings

At least three weeks' notice of all Agility Committee meetings together with an agenda for such meetings shall be given to all Committee members.

### 3.1.16 Committee Minutes

The minutes of all Committee meetings and subcommittee meetings shall be circulated to the Chairperson of the Agility Committee, members of the Agility committee and the Director Secretary of Dogs NZ within one calendar month of the meeting. A report on all meetings shall be circulated published on the Agility Committee website within one month of the date of the meeting.

3.2.6.1.1 Any Dogs NZ member can register as an Agility voter as long as they are also a member of a registered agility society.

3.2.6.2.1.1 The Agility Committee will be elected from nominations received by Dogs NZ by 1 October from the Agility registered membership. In the event that this date falls on a weekend it will be by 5pm on the preceding Friday. The election will take place over a two-week period, concluding as close as practicable to 30 November. The term of office of any member of the Agility Committee shall be for two years and will commence from the time notification of election results are given.

#### 3.2.6.1.2 Register of Eligible Agility Voters

Dogs NZ and Agility Committee will maintain a register of people eligible to vote at Agility elections.

3.2.6.1.4 Registration to be an agility voter must be indicated as provided on the official Dogs NZ membership form.

3.2.6.3.1 Dogs NZ will call for nominations for the NZ Agility Committee in the August edition of NZ Dog World, via notice to clubs and on Dogs NZ official website. Nominations to be received by Dogs NZ by 1 October and be accompanied by a full biography of the candidate. The biography of the candidate will appear on the Dog Agility website, Dogs NZ website, the November edition of NZ Dog World, and will be emailed to all Registered Agility Societies. Biographies received after the above date will not be published. The person must be nominated and seconded by financial Dogs NZ members who are also registered as Agility voters.

#### 3.2.6.4 Voting

The accepted method of voting is by either postal or electronic as advertised by Dogs NZ Agility Committee. Any votes that are not cast using the approved method will be considered invalid.

3.2.6.4.1.3 When voting closes, the Returning officers, as delegated by Dogs NZ will count the votes and post the results of the election on the Agility Committee website and in the official Dogs NZ publication(s). The published results will include the number of votes received by every candidate. The results will not be published until after all candidates have been personally informed of their result. The highest two polling candidates from the South Island and the highest two polling candidates from the North will duly be elected and the next four highest polling candidates will also be elected.

Also, the Regulations require some housekeeping in regards to font, widow/orphan control and spelling issues. **Diana/Carl**

### **Peter Dunne Letter, April 7/8 Executive Council Meeting**

Treatment of Agility Committee equipment donations/purchases - to be discussed at ACOD.

Ian Gray - mentioned above.

2019 National Dog Show - calendar to be shuffled to accommodate this.

Complaint - discussed in the meeting. A response letter to be sent back to EC for their June meeting.

### **Strategic Pairs**

Proposed as a new event. Suggested to hold at RT level as a novelty to gauge interest.

### **Jump Pole Weight**

Minimum and maximum pole weights were discussed and referred back to Equipment Subcommittee for discussion.

### **AD & ADX Courses**

Survey to be sent out regarding the future of these trials. Sallie

### **AC Flyer**

Diana/Bevan to design.

### **Standing Orders**

Require review.

### **Permanent Numbers**

Proposed to carry on with ascending letters until Z and consider using prefix numbers once they run out.

### **Any Other Business**

- Some minor website amendments made, old links removed.
- Get well card to be sent to Marie McDonald.
- Next meeting at ACOD 23/24 June and then via Skype on 22 August at 7pm.

### **Meeting Concluded**

2:30pm