

NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR 26& 27 JANUARY 2008

Meeting opened at 10.40am on 26 Jan 2008

Roll Call: Alan McClumpha (chair), Karen deWit, Roy Thorndycraft, Paul Remon, Lyn Sayers, Nick Chester, Fiona Hodgson, Brian Priest (NZKC CEO), Apologies –Allan Rohde

Financial Report – Allan Rohde reported

FINANCE REPORT – 26 January 2008. Received \$6000 (Southland/Tairere/Otago) for the NDTA fund. The general funds continue to accumulate and there is just over \$22,284.32 in the cheque account and on term deposit. At present we have four clubs still to pay levies on shows held in the 2007 calendar year.

Matters Arising from the report & other financial

- Zone Rep Final Financial Audited Accounts – None yet received. Reminders were sent out on Monday 21st January
- NDTA National Fund – a few outstanding Zone 5 clubs.
- Meeting this weekend will cost approx. \$1300.
- Historical Zone records – Some discussion on how much is to be kept. Recommended that all of the records come back to the NZKC where they will be sorted and a decision will be made as to what should be kept.

Business arising from Correspondence

- Letter from NDTC discussed. Some discussion that much of this will be sorted with the changes to the judges training.
- Nationals 2008 organisation is going well with the whole committee working well together.
- Proposals re removal of splits from both Susan Tansey and Mark Barrett were forwarded to Karen for the competitions sub-committee and included in the current discussion papers nearly ready to go out.
- Akarana – Sponsorship for ART. The committee discussed this and decided that sponsorship on ribbons etc at ARTs is legal as long as no awards are made to placegetters other than ribbons or rozettes.

At this point Alan McClumpha read his letter of resignation from both Agility chairperson and indeed from the committee. Resignation is to take effect from the end of the meeting to allow the voting process to take place. Alan Willox confirmed that he was prepared to join as a member of the committee.

Notices of Motion

- NDTA Document – A response from the Obedience Committee has now been received with request for issue of a joint statement regarding the future of NDTAs and in particular detailing the progress for 2009. It was resolved that **Fiona** notify Rosemary that we agree to a joint statement and request that the Obedience Committee draft the statement and that we get to check it prior to release. The NDTA document was fully discussed and some final amendments done prior to dispersal.
- NDTA 2009

Grounds Deposit - Require a \$300 deposit on the grounds at Mosgiel to ensure the booking is held. Meeting agreed to pay the deposit from the NDTA fund. Organising Committee - Roy and Paul are both happy to be on the organising committee and report back to this committee on the progress of the organisation. Seeding Account – agreed to pledge \$5000 towards the Agility expenses for the NDTA in 2009. This money is to include the \$300 for the grounds deposit. The

seeding money will be forwarded to the NDTA Organising committee once they require it and have an account to put it in. A budget is to be presented back to the Agility committee in due course.

- Competitions Discussions Documents – These documents were discussed individually and worked through with amendments being made. Karen is to update and get them out with a view to having them back at the end of March. Notification to go into the March gazette in the form of an inset. The documents are also to be emailed to clubs, emailed to all individuals who registered to vote in the Agility elections, added to the email list files section, and to the NZKC and Agility NZ websites.

General Business

Sub-Committee Reports

- Regulations - Fiona reported:

Regulations Sub-Committee Report - NZKC Ag Comm meeting 26 January 08

NZ Standing Orders discussed need to finalise these.

The Agility Regulations are currently up to date however, the old version is still on the NZKC website (as of 23/01/08) so am endeavouring to get these updated correctly as soon as possible.

Matters Arising from report

- All regulations changes from now on is to be submitted to the NZKC in the format which highlights both the old and proposed versions of the regulation to be altered.
- It was recommended by Brian that regulation changes only be implemented on 1 July and 1 January each year to enable competitors to know when to expect changes and to have a plan for such implementation.
- The Standing Orders are a living document and changes will be made from time to time and that should be clear to all.
- It was further resolved that levies be paid on all classes at Championship shows for which an entry fee is taken. This in response to a query raised by Roy regarding novelties at their recent show (ie free entry – no levy)

Judges - Nick reported

The subcommittee has been working on two major points:

1. 2008 judges exam. All members of committee have submitted questions for the Judges exam. The Judges exam was examined and some changes were made.

Applications to join the panel: some judges have not yet completed the required Probationaries. Beth Oliver was approved to the Senior panel having met all of the criteria for promotion.

Discussion regarding the Agility Committee taking control of the exams was raised.

2. Consultation document

The draft of the new Judges discussion paper was tabled. It has been decided that this document will be further worked on and held until the results of the competitions discussion papers have been collated.

It was agreed that the results of the judges survey (votes) be made available on the files section of the Judges email list.

NDTA/Competition + Awards – NDTA discussion document – Karen reported

Work has been done on the NDTA, and competitions discussion documents and start box trials. I would like to thank Fiona and Lyn for their contributions to the Competitions documentation.

The NDTA discussion document was waiting for the OB committee to look at which it now has happened. The procedure for selecting Teams is now included so that will need AC approval and then the whole doc can be distributed for consultation. The competitions documents have taken a lot of work but they are now up for discussion. Most of the AC have already provided feedback and there are only a few areas where further discussion will be needed at the meeting, and then these too will be ready to go out for further consultation.

Nick held a Start box trial at WAG and Cambridge and I held one at Feilding and there is considerable feedback from those which I will present at the meeting. It has been an interesting exercise. There has been comment both in support and against, and some modifications would be needed if we were to continue with it.

Matters Arising from the report

- Some discussion on getting some consensus on games rules and start work on drafting a NZ set in the event that the games classes are introduced following the competitions discussion documents.

Finances – Allan Rohde reported:

- It was noted that our financial year runs 1 April to 31 March in line with the NZKC.
- It was decided that the Agility Committee pay the judges fee for the 2008 year.
- A brief overview of our NZKC funds allocation was given by Brian.

Obedience Committee Liaison – Alan McC reported:

Nothing to report. It was noted that the Obedience committee have elections annually and therefore will be into the election process shortly.

Sponsorship – Lyn reported on the difficulties arising from this.:

There was some discussion regarding the current Proplan sponsorship deal with the NZKC. It was noted that Obedience and Agility should have some input to future fully encompassing dog food sponsorship.

Executive Report

As previously advised, all of our proposals put forward to the last executive meeting were passed.

Other General Business

- Projects List
 - *IFCS Affiliation – This is in hand with Philip working on this.
 - *Club Resource Library – no action at present.
 - *Club instructor training – no action at present
 - *History of NZ Agility – A start has been made with the booklet from Ian Gray. Further input will be required. It may be a project for Nick as the historian amongst us but is to wait until the judges rewrite is complete. **Karen** is to scan the existing information in the meantime.
- AD Courses – now complete – will be distributed to full committee after the meeting via email
- Club Equipment checking – covered under the competition documents.
- NDTA venue – done.
- Measuring

*Sticks – 10 sets have been ordered. **Alan M** is to check where these are up to. Guidelines are to be written giving a procedure for measuring with the new sticks.

- Agility Committee meeting at Annual conference – to be Sunday morning.
- Zone Awards – some discussion re the various zones. Historic Zone 1 – Alan Shrimpton to be thanked for doing the collation of points. Zone 2 is unknown – **Nick** to check with Kathy Roper. In Zone 3 the awards are to be organised by Karen. Zone 5 has no awards and **Roy** is to check with Carol as to what awards were presented in Zone 4.
- Election of new Chairperson. Lyn was elected unopposed.
- Alan M then said a few words about how he feels the Agility Committee is going and wishing the members well for the future. Lyn then thanked Alan M for his past efforts during the process to instigate the Agility Committee and more recently.
- NAC – organisation underway by DAWG for the next running of this event.
- Teleconferencing – It was mentioned that the Obedience Committee utilises daisy-chaining for their teleconferencing. It was decided that Fiona should contact Rosemary to learn about how it works.

There being no further General Business the meeting was closed at 2.20pm on Sunday 27th January.