

Report on NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR 25 MARCH 2008 TELECONFERENCE

Meeting by Teleconference commencing at 7.34pm.

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

Business arising from Minutes

Some discussion regarding recruitment of new judges.

Financial Report – Allan Rohde reported

Matters Arising from the report

- Two of the five Zones have sent in audited accounts.
- **Letters to be sent to all** Zone 2 and 4 clubs re the NDTA funds as well as South Canterbury and North Otago.

Business arising from Correspondence

- Email re measuring – some discussion on whether the dogs height in mm will be required to be recorded on entry forms after 1 July. It was agreed in principle that this should be the case.

General Business

Sub-Committee Reports

A discussion of the existing Sub-Committees was held. It was agreed that a new Sub-committee was required for Equipment in the event that the Annual checks part of the proposals be passed. In addition, it might be a good idea to have a Sub-Committee to address any concerns/queries from clubs on gear/equipment or related matters. It was resolved that Alan W head up this Committee with assistance from Roy and Lyn. It was further discussed that a clubs Sub-Committee would also be a good idea. This is to be formed by Paul, Karen, Fiona & Nick.

Regulations - Fiona reported:

Awaiting results of the discussion documents which will result in some regulation alterations no doubt. The Regulations on the NZKC website are now current.

Judges - Nick reported

Judges proposed to Executive were passed at the last meeting. Further work has been done on the Judges documentation awaiting the results of the competitions proposals. Fiona suggested that clubs be approached for their input. **Nick** to draft letter for Fiona to send out.

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

Some submissions coming in on NDTA along with the Competitions submissions..

Finances – Allan Rohde reported: Nothing from the finance committee at present.

Obedience Committee Liaison – Lyn reported:

Nothing to report. Obedience going well in the SI and the liaison going well for the NDTA in 2009. Tony Martin seems to be getting info out also in the Lower NI.

Sponsorship – Lyn reported: Nothing to report. Lyn will keep in touch with Brian over this.

Other General Business

- Executive report – Lyn. – Video of agility from Crufts will be requested by Brian. It was discussed that perhaps an Agility representative on the AEC Committee might be a good idea. Alan W mentioned that he might like to do this as he has contacts on the council in the area. Lyn to keep in touch with Alan W in regard to this.
- IFCS – Philip Lyth progressing this from the NZKC office.
- AD Courses – **Fiona** is to finish these off. ADX Advanced courses also need reviewing – this can wait until after the results of the proposal input are tabulated.
- Club Equipment – It was proposed that judges who remove pieces of equipment from use at a Show must report this to both the Agility Committee and the Show Committee concerned. This is to ensure that the inadequate gear is rectified prior to its reuse.
- NDTA 2009 – The update email from last week looks good re the progress on the organisation of this event. Booking the venue with the deposit has been a good thing as the pricing for the venue has now been increased but they have agreed to hold old pricing as the grounds were already booked and deposit paid. There is an overall organising committee of which Roy is now chairperson. NDTA 2009 Committee is:

Roy Thorndyrcraft (Chair),

Secretary: Sallie Remon (Ag) Wendy Mabon (Ob)

Treasurer: Anne McLaughlin (Ag) Jo Millar (Ob)

Committee members:

Arend van den Bos

Susan Tansey Grants consultant

Wayne Grant

Paul Remon

Karen Grant

Barbara Lowen

Rose Lock

Don Leckie

Raewyn Leckie

Gabby Stuart

- NDTA 2008 – There was a meeting last weekend. All going ok. The website is up and being updated. Sponsorship was discussed. Brian has a meeting with the National sponsors tomorrow.
- Measuring – There was some discussion on the existing measuring sticks. It would appear there is some variation in accuracy and ease of use with some of them. Various other designs were discussed. It was resolved that these units be brought to the April face to face meeting of the Agility Committee. In addition, it was resolved to bring all of the measuring sticks in use to be brought to that meeting for comparison purposes. Note: Subsequent to the meeting, an amendment to the above was proposed by Lyn and seconded by Fiona. This amendment was that only those measuring sticks already in the possession of Agility Committee members be brought to the meeting and that the other ones around the country not be collected prior to the meeting so that ongoing measuring remains possible until a solution is available.
- Zone Awards – Zone 3 awards under control with people putting points in for them. Zone 1 awards also being organised. Alan Shrimpton has done the points for Zone 1 and is happy to continue to do so.
- Kapiti Club – July Show may not be able to be held due to current issues. Lyn is working with Horowhenua to see if they are able to hold the show in conjunction with their day – maybe on behalf of Kapiti..

- Avalon Club – No further word from Avalon re their agility status.
- Trans-Tasman Challenge – A working group made up of Reg Dwyer and Peter Dynan from Australia and Lyn and Fiona is looking to get this off the ground for Brisbane in 2009 with a return to NZ in 2011 which happens to be the centenary of the NZKC.
- Gazette – Agility pages being well received but further copy is required for fillers.
- YKC – The question re furthering Agility within the YKC was raised. Karen reported some difficulty in gaining contact with the YKC over organising the NDTA in 2008. It was decided that at present the Agility clubs who are running Junior Handler events and classes at present might as well continue without integration with YKC at this stage.
- Ardmore – Some discussion re the suitability of Ardmore as a venue for agility. The floor within the building is not suitable for agility and the pricing of the facility is not conducive to agility clubs utilising the facility to any great degree.
- Team trials – A query from Allan R. The method and timing of teams trials for NDTA 2008 is to be addressed at the face-to face meeting in April.
- Counties start zones – Fiona raised the trial of holding areas at the Counties. She is to send detail of the system to all Agility Committee members.

There being no further General Business the meeting was closed at 10.07pm.