

**NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR 20 SEPTEMBER 2008**  
**TELECONFERENCE**

Meeting by Teleconference commencing at 7.47pm.

The acceptance of the resignation of Alan Willox and the welcoming of Steve Chester in joining the Committee was noted.

Apologies – Nick Chester, Brian Priest

Roll Call

Lyn Sayers (chair), Karen deWit, Allan Rohde, Paul Remon, Roy Thorndycraft, Steve Chester, Fiona Hodgson

Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed as accepted: Fiona Seconded: Lyn – carried

Business arising from Minutes

Elementary Courses – These have been completed by Karen and are ready for circulation.

It was resolved that Fiona send these to Steve for his comments prior to being added to the Agility Committee website and emailed to all clubs.

Proposed: Fiona Seconded Lyn – carried

Clear Round Certificate Awards – It was noted that a form is required for club secretaries to submit to NZKC having viewed the requisite numbers of clear rounds. Karen has a draft of one. She will send it to Fiona who will circulate it to the committee prior to sending to club secretaries. The actual award certificates need designing.

Zone Awards – It was noted that the previous minutes had an error in that they talked about “NDTA Awards”. The heading should be Historic Zone Awards. It was decided that we gather information about the historic awards so that we can find a way forward to continue or re-institute them. The following people are to be responsible for gathering information. Zone 1 – Allan, Zone 2 – Steve, Zone 3 – Karen, Zone 4 – Roy, Zone 5 – Paul.

Financial Report

Update on historic Zone NDTA funds – There are just two clubs yet to submit their funds now. The Zone 1 funds have now been finalised and received.

Event Levies – There are a couple of clubs being chased up at present but nothing too major and probably just resulting from changes of committee etc.

NZKC Funding – There was some discussion about how this funding worked and that we would like to gain an update of where these funds are up to for us. Lyn is to ask Colleen Begg for this for our next meeting.

Ag Comm Budget – Allan is to forward the budget to all committee members.

### Correspondence

Moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards be ratified  
Proposed: Fiona, Seconded: Lyn: carried

### Business arising from Correspondence

Nil

### Notices of Motion

#### Team travel

Proposal 1 – That if two or more members of the same household are selected for a team for NDTA, they are both awarded the full travel subsidy due to team members.

There was some discussion on this and it was decided that it would be fair for both members to receive the full amount. Karen expressed concern about the level of the subsidy this year with regard to its sustainability and the precedent it set. As a result of this concern, she voted against the remits

Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Roy – carried 5 to 1 with Karen against and 1 abstention being Allan due to a personal conflict of interest.

Proposal 2 – That if one handler is a member of both obedience and agility teams then that member is awarded the full travel subsidy due to team members

Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Roy – carried unanimously.

Proposal 3 – That there be a minimum payment for South Island NDTA team members of \$200 regardless of where they are arriving from.

There was some discussion on this as well.

Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Roy – carried 6 to 1 with Karen against.

Proposal 4 – Confirmation that should the cost of the airfare from a team member's destination be less than the travel cost at 31c/km that the subsidy is given at the value of the airfare cost only.

Proposed: Fiona – this proposal lapsed as it had already been decided at the June meeting.

2009 Calendar issues – Karen reported on these.

A) Application for exemption from holding an ART – Gisborne DTC.

Gisborne DTC has requested an exemption from holding an ART in 2009. This club has huge issues with distance, lack of judges, lack of active members and the reluctance of people to travel to an ART at this venue. There was discussion on what could be done to encourage/promote the sport in this area.

It was proposed that Gisborne club be granted an exemption for 2009 provided that the club undertake other activities in order to promote the sport locally. Some suggestions are to be outlined for them including – demonstrations at local events/schools etc, holding elementary classes at their Champ shows and/or running a couple of club days for their own members during the year. Fiona is to write to the club outlining our decision.

Proposed: Fiona Seconded: Roy carried unanimously

B) An email has been received from the South Canterbury Club re Agility Ribbon Trials and their need to hold one.

It was decided to thank them for setting their ART date for 2009 and explain the reasons as to why Ribbon Trials are being more strongly promoted. Eg The benefits for non-NZKC members etc. Fiona to draft something up to go to the club.

C) Outstanding ART date for Taieri club

This is just a matter of checking what weekends are available for next year. Roy to sort out with Karen.

#### Games Upgrading:

Tentative wording from draft regulations: The proposed wording was forwarded with the agenda.

Steve noted that the wording may need to be looked at in terms of making it easier to understand. This will be done in conjunction with the general updated regulations check and proofread by all Committee members over the next few weeks.

#### Motor Scooter at Shows

The Committee has received requests to discuss some issues with the use of a motor scooter close to and around the rings at shows. Lyn has spoken to the owner of the scooter and raised the concerns regarding speed and proximity to the rings. It is hoped that this will result in a resolution to any concerns previously raised.

Fiona to reply to the club/individual which submitted the letters.

#### General Business

##### Sub-Committee Reports

- Regulations

- 1) Regulations update – Fiona reported

Regulations Sub-Committee Report - NZKC Ag Comm meeting 20 Sept 08

##### NZ Standing Orders

I haven't got yet to doing much about updating these as we are so busy with the Agility Regulations. There is not too much to finish of with them now though that we have nailed down Elementary etc.

Agility regulations are nearly at the stage to go to you all for your amendments. It has been a long and difficult job and our thanks must go to Andrew Haythorne who was co-opted onto the regulations sub-committee to assist with the process of proof-reading. His experience was most helpful.

There are a few questions for various things I will put to you all once I send the draft out.

Fiona is to complete current tidy up of draft regulations and circulate them to all Committee members.

### Judges

Nothing to report due to Nick's absence. The Judges proposals are due to go out now.

### NDTA + Awards (zone awards)

Awards previous discussed

### Competitions Sub-Committee

There are a few last few issues to sort

- 1) Grade A Jumpers – It was agreed that Grade A jumpers would be offered from 1 Jan 2009 but with the realisation that there would be no dogs eligible for this grade until probably early to mid-February.
- 2) Judges – It was agreed that any existing judges would be added to the Jumpers judges list at their current Agility level (unless they did not want to) with only existing Senior judges able to judge Grade A Jumpers classes.
- 3) COF for all clubs – Upper Hutt's gear has been checked with some amendments to the draft form.

Fiona has drafted a list of clubs and put Agility Committee members' names against most of them. She is to update to remove Alan Willox and add Steve then circulate it to the Committee.

- 4) Regulations alterations in future – It was noted that limiting the maximum times per year that regulations can be altered has previously been discussed. It was either 6 months or annually. Fiona to check previous minutes and advise.

### Obedience Committee Liaison

There has been no discussion between the codes of note in recent weeks.

### Sponsorship

Nothing to report.

### Website updating

It was noted that we have been unable our own website up until now. Lyn is to follow up and ensure we get the ability to update the website ourselves. Lyn advised that Di Bold at the NZKC is now the person we request to update our website for us.

### Other General Business

#### Executive report – Lyn reported

Lyn outlined the contents of the most recent Executive meeting report.

These included:

- \*A run-down on the Competition consultation documents
- \* Certificate of Achievement award
- \*The down-rating of Avalon to an obedience only club
- \*The proposal to bring both the Agility Committee and NZKC Agility levies together one on collection

- \*The update on the Zone NDTA Funds recovery process
- \*Some discussion regarding governance of NZKC Committees.
- \*Lyn noted that we need to discuss any nominations for Certificates of Appreciation and/or Life Membership of the NZKC annually. This is to be added to our November agenda – Fiona to do.

#### Projects List

IFCS Affiliation – still with Philip at the NZKC – no progress

Club resource library, Club Instructor training, History of NZ Agility – Fiona and Karen have been tied up with other priorities and there has been no progress on these matters yet.

AD & ADX Courses – These are now complete and Karen has them ready for issue. They will need to go onto our website and also be emailed to clubs. Fiona to do this. These will come into effect as from 1 October 2008.

#### NDTA 2008

\*Uniforms – Sallie Remon has organised for the Region 2 and 4 uniforms to have the flashes of colour dyed. A test dye has been completed and apparently looks really good. Sallie has ordered all of the uniforms now which will be available approx. Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Region 2 and 4 ones will be sent to be dyed and those of the other Regions will be brought to the Nationals next week for collection by Fiona to bring up prior to being sent to be embroidered. Cost of embroidering will be approx. \$15 per item.

\*Numbers – Good entries have been received for the NDTA with it now exceeding Taupo 2005 in size. The camping has also been popular with lots of sites being booked.

NDTA 2009 - Roy reported. Nothing too much changing at present. Obedience are investigating getting the marquee but will advise when this is resolved. All else is under control for Agility. Lyn requested that Roy pencil the cost of teams travel subsidies into the budget for this event. Roy reported that the first run of calendars has sold out and a reprint has been ordered. These may be available by the Nationals and if not, orders will be taken. Roy was requested to provide a budget for the NDTA to the next Agility Committee meeting.

NDTA 2010 – Steve reported on his visit to the Rotorua Energy Events Centre. It is a large complex with plenty of room for the obedience rooms, judges and catering rooms etc. Steve is to get firm pricing as soon as possible to enable Obedience to be advised of this as a possibility. There is a good flat area approx. 5 minutes walk away for Agility. Fiona to add this to the agenda for our November meeting.

Nationals Auckland 2009 – Test Manager & Judges – Allan is to speak to a possible Test Manager as to whether they wish to be involved. Whoever takes this on needs to recommend names of judges to the Agility Committee meeting in November.

Judges Meeting at NDTA – Peter Dynan – Karen reported that he is happy to be available at this meeting to present on jumpers and games topics. This will be on the Friday of NDTA at 5pm.

Measuring issues – Currently in excess of 700 dogs have been measured. Karen requested that the list be sent to the rest of the committee. Fiona to look at doing up some graphs and forward. A reminder is to be sent to the Agility list regarding dogs needing to be measured – Steve to do this.

Cleanrun – Most of the money has come in form people who have ordered updates or new copies. Allan is chasing up those still to pay.

Trans-Tasman Challenge update – This has now been cancelled for 2009 due to the late agreement of ANKC and lack of time to organise it. It is now proposed that the first one will be held in 2011 in New Zealand in conjunction with the NZKC Centenary.

Sky Documentary NDTA – The first application for funding was declined – Community Trust. An application has now been forwarded to another body. If funding is not forthcoming, it may be possible to sell some advertising to offset at least part of the \$15,000 cost. Lyn is to keep abreast of developments and advise the Committee prior to committing any more towards this.

NDTA Payments – Allan questioned when these were to be paid to Team members. It was decided that these should be paid before the members need to leave for NDTA. Fiona is to draft up a letter explaining the proviso of the subsidy regarding participation at NDTA. It was decided however, that, should something happen preventing that combination participating in the Teams Event once the NDTA has commenced, that any reserve which is brought into the teams will not be eligible for any travel subsidy.

Judges Expenses – Some discussion regarding the prepaying of expenses for judges and other judges issues.

There being no further General Business, the meeting was concluded at 10.47pm.