

REPORT ON NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE MEETING 16 NOVEMBER 2008 WELLINGTON

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

Business arising from Minutes

Clear Round Milestone Certificates – There was discussion regarding the design, administration and funding for the certificates. It was decided that the Agility Committee would fund the certificates up to a maximum of \$10 each.

Financial Report. Allan reported.

There was some discussion regarding the funding of future team trials in various areas. Historic Zone funds are nearly all in. **Paul** is to seek information regarding funding of 2009 NDTA. It was decided that communications would be written for Dog World regarding the change to a system of combined levies (from 1 Jan 2009) and the change of regulations from 1 Jan 2009. A letter detailing all major regulation changes is to be distributed to all clubs, added to our website and otherwise distributed widely.

Notices of Motion

- Budget for 2009 – All Committee members are to send ideas for the next budget to Allan.
- Discussion re handlers requiring walking sticks/crutches etc. It was decided to form a subcommittee (Steve and Paul with at least one co-opted member from outside the Agility Committee) to look at the issues raised in a letter along with other handler safety issues within our sport and make recommendations back to the Agility Committee.
- Elementary Courses –it was decided that there is no significant risk with regard the collapsible tunnel as the courses all require forward movement for the dog after the tunnel before a turn is desired.
- Behaviour of competitors and Judges at shows was discussed with reference to some recent incidents. Steve is to write an article for the Dogworld to encourage better sportsmanship from all.
- ADX Courses and times. Correction made to ADX advanced course times. It was decided to recommend to Judges that whistles be used.
- Non-competitive runs at ARTs – These are not permitted. However clubs are still permitted to run Novelty classes over any course at a Ribbon Trial. .
- Challenges for all Champ Seniors – A proposal was tabled that a challenge be given out in Senior for the winner on a clear round regardless of how few dogs were entered in the class. It was decided that the whole concept of agility revolved around “competition” and that challenges should not be awarded unless a decent measure of competition was available on the day.
- Tunnels joined together in courses – It was noted that there was nothing in the regulations to prevent this and it was also felt that no safety issue existed with this combination. It was resolved that no action was required on this issue.
- Region 2 team selection process –The committee agreed with Steve’s request to be allowed to combine both systems for team selection purposes.
- Deferred items All agenda issues relating to mini dogs as well as agenda items relating to ideas to keep people in the sport long term were at this point deferred to be discussed at the next meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT - Fiona Hodgson

NZ Standing Orders - Nearly complete now and ready to go out to the rest of the Committee for discussion once the regulations are complete. Final draft of the regulations is now ready. Many changes have been made. This meeting needs to alter/confirm them to go to executive.

The next couple of hours of the meeting were dedicated to working through the amended regulations making further alterations as required to fix errors and/or omissions and reword some areas.

NZKC AC JUDGES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT - Nick Chester

- Judges discussion document has been released. and distributed.
- Clean Run Course Designer distributed
- New judges intake for 2009 is being managed.
- Judges exam. Written paper in hand, and exam supervisors being sourced.
- Information pack on Jumpers. It was agreed that this should be written and distributed to Judges..

COMPETITIONS REPORT. - Karen de Wit

- Final report on the Competitions consultation to regulations was forwarded to the Regulations subcommittee to use as a template for the changes to the regulations. It was decided that any further changes to competitions would not be sought for 6 months time, ie. June 2009.
- AD and ADX advanced courses. have been revised and placed on the website. Feedback so far has been good (Judges and competitors including approx 1/3 pass rate at NDTA). ADX advanced courses have received less favourable feedback. As with AD courses there was considerable changes, relating to use of E-timers as well as complying with new start/finish line requirements. A rate of travel of 3.2 m/s was set by mistake and this has been altered down to 3 m/s. Feedback on courses so far implies that they meet the criteria of being of Senior standard.
- Elementary courses A standard set of these has been formulated and is ready for use. It has been posted on the website.
- Entry forms. – there has been considerable discussion on these over the years and their lack of relevance to agility and this is being considered by the committee as well as a new Judges contracts forms.
- Certificate of fitness. These have been initiated. Clubs need to be reminded of their responsibilities come Jan 1st, and Judges must know what they can expect in the way of equipment and what to do if it is not supplied.

EQUIPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE. Steve is to follow up with Alan Willox and take this over.

WEBSITE UPDATING. Steve to liaise with Brian to get the access to the website for him to do the necessary alterations.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. Steve proposed that the Committee appoint the position of Communications Officer. This person was to work via a specific email and deliver information to those who require it from the Committee.

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nationals 2009 –Lyn is to work with Brian to come up with a proposal for the running of agility at the Nationals in 2009. The indoor venue at Manfield is supported.
- NDTA 2009 – The proposed programme has been sent out to include 4 x agility, 2 x jumpers sets + finals and all other additional classes and trials normally run. The judges have been contracted and funding has been received for the judges air travel.
- NDTA 2010 – venue + committee. Various options were considered. Rotorua seems to be the most favoured at this stage. Steve is liaising with the City Council.
- Nominations for Certificate of Achievement – NZKC Life Membership. This was discussed. It was noted that any Certificates for agility people should be noted in a roll of honour – possibly on our website.

There being no further time, the meeting was concluded at 4.43pm.