

Minutes of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee.  
Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 9 am.

PRESENT: Karen de Wit, Peter de Wit, Joanne Rennell, Lisa Duff, Jocelyn Jenson, Steve Chester, Sue Willis.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true and correct record of the proceedings. Steve/Karen AGREED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Paul Taylor had prepared the financial report as for May 2013. It was accepted as an accurate report. Steve/Joanne AGREED.

It was decided to retain the P.O. Box in Upper Hutt.

REVIEW OF THE BUDGET FOR 2013.

Largely prompted by the desire of the Committee members to return some of the money earned from show levies a model of what might be earned and spent was discussed.

INCOME:	EXPENSES:
Levies \$58,000	NZKC \$16,000
Interest. \$2,000	Admin. \$9,000
	Mtgs. \$12,000
	Jumps \$15,000

ALL FIGURES ARE APPROXIMATE AND AN EXAMPLE ONLY:

How best can some of the saved funds and surplus be used? Answer: To increase the participation in the sport, improve facilities and equipment.

EXAMPLES: Fix equipment for COF.  
Subsidy for Ribbon Trial Judges  
Display grants  
New Concepts grants.  
Training grants.  
COF administration.  
Interclub competition and Club Days.  
Visiting Instructors/AC organised training. (make use of local expertise.)  
New Judges starter pack.

COF'S: To start formally 1 July 2014 to be completed by 1 January 2015. From 1 January 2014 clubs would be advised of COF'S and encouraged to check equipment, apply for grants etc. Equipment grants would be 50/50 between AC and the club.

TRAINING GRANTS: Would be for the NZ trainers only. Grants would be for travel expenses, venue hire, miscellaneous costs, course must be open to anyone, trainers can charge for their time. Would be organised by AC members and clubs to start with. Must be pre-approved by AC.

CLUBS: Discussion on why some clubs succeed. Good leaders, good social interaction between members, uniform, population base, distance to travel to a club, willing knowledgeable instructors, equipment - were all suggested.

LEVIES: There was a discussion on levies based on a report from Allan Rohde. It was felt that agility should resist any moves from the NZKC Executive to increase the present levy.

Paying levies on line. Karen to look into a form for the web site.

MILEAGE: AC mileage rate increased to .41 c per km.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Ron Frater informing him of his acceptance back on to the senior agility judges panel.

#### REGULATIONS:

Competitors in Jumpers B wishing to remain in Jumpers C.

Rule: From 1/7/2013 those with 25 clear rounds in Jumpers C do not have to progress to Jumpers B.

There have been some requests from those currently in Jumpers B to return to Jumpers C.

Criteria for acceptance of request to return:

Did not win out of C.

Not placed in top 3 in JB on a clear round.

May keep their JD title.

Provide best 5 clear round certificates in JC.

Lisa: To email the two handlers who have requested a return to JC based on their inability to cope with JB and ask them to provide evidence with clear round certificates.

FOUR METRE RULE BETWEEN JUMPS: According to the regs there must be an unimpeded 4 metres between jumps. Examples were used where larger dogs were definitely disadvantaged, and where their safety was jeopardised. Judges to be reminded that the 4 metres is where you expect the dog to travel in a straight line.

COMPETITIONS: NZDAC 2013. Canvassing clubs to see what jumps will be available..  
Wider jumps.  
Information on web site, including entries.

NZDAC 2014. Committee/venue/judges selected.  
Accommodation to be circulated.  
Possible use of locals motorhomes. Own negotiation.  
Rent a bach -

#### JUMPERS TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA:

Suggested format for initial selection: - Selected from the Zone Agility Team. Top two qualified dogs in the team automatically selected, followed by the next best etc.

Jumpers B course to be used.

ZONE TEAM TRIAL SUBSIDY: To be set at \$200 as it was last year.

CROSS OVER FOR NZDAC 2014. Potential members of the Australian Team have requested that judges do not include the cross over in courses that may include Australian competitors. The

feeling of the meeting is that the cross over is part of our agility equipment, and that it may be used in courses.

Nick and Keri to be asked to formulate an appropriately worded letter telling them of our decision.

TEAM MASCOTS: Organisers of Team Trials to ask competitors whether they want them.

SENIOR AGILITY JUDGE STATUS: to be given to Susan Tansey.

JUDGES CONTRACTS: Karen to contact those who have not responded.  
E-mail reply may be sent without signature.

NICK CHESTER: Given permission to judge in Australia.

ADX COURSES: All ADX courses are being reviewed for judgibility and safety.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: Criteria to be written up by Karen.

MEASURERS: Lou Baker to assistant measurer.  
Sheelah Stevens to be given starter pack.

ELEMENTARY: Letter from Karen Grant – Otago requests non qualified judges to be allowed to set the elementary course.

Approval given until there is feedback on this system.

These courses to be submitted to a judge on the agility panel before the date of the event.

Possibility of Karen drawing more courses for this level.

BRUSH JUMP : The 'blind' jump (at the moment produced by Agility Stuff) meets the criteria of the new jump regulations in width, height, lugs etc - partially block vision, and may be accepted in all forms of agility as a brush jump.

EVENTS BY REGIONS AND TYPES: 'Stock' take in all the regions to try to establish a balance of events, such as Agility and Jumpers, Championship Shows and Ribbon Trials. Peter to do.

NZDAC 2015: Suggestion to move the date to summer time. Early March would seem the best time.

It would mean: Some shows would have to change dates.

Team trials would need to be run in January.

It would free up weekends in August – wet, cold time of the year.

Free up Labour Weekend for the possibility of training sessions/club days.

REMEASURE REQUESTS: Continue to arrive.

? Change to the regulation: To – Measure at 2 years is height for life. (Accepted that some may alter with age, but this would not entitle owner to a remeasure.)

APPEAL for a remeasure must be made within a period of 6 months of the 2 year measure on substantial grounds.

Karen and Jocelyn to write up remeasure criteria.

HEIGHTS REVIEW: Names of equipment suppliers to be released.

JOANNE : To check that the numbers of jumps charged to the AC by Clubs and the numbers altered/purchased are the same. No subsidy to alter jumps owned privately.

JUDGES to be encouraged to update on rules.

PROPOSED MEETINGS:

PHONE CONFERENCE Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
*(Meeting to focus on Clubs strategy and any proposals from the club's subcommittee.)*

PHONE CONFERENCE Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Phone conferences will be limited subjects.

FULL MEETING Either 14/15 September In Wellington.

FULL MEETING 1<sup>st</sup> December - no set venue at present.

Meeting was closed at 3pm.

**NZKC Agility Committee  
2013/3014 Budget**

<b>Income - Levies etc</b>	55,000
<b>Interest on deposits</b>	2,000
	<u>57,000</u>

**Expenses**

NZKC levies	16,000
Admin costs	9,000
Meeting Costs	12,000
Jumps subsidies	15,000 From the height review

Start COF Process from 1 Jan, with formal checks from 1 July 2014,  
giving clubs a chance to upgrade equipment

COF Equipment upgrades	15,000
RT Judge subsidies 20*100 =	2,000 A per previous years
New Equipment grant	5,000 A per previous years
Display grants	2,000 A per previous years
Training grants	10,000 To pay the travel and venue hire for seminars and training days
Club days/nights/interclub	2,000 To encourage clubs to be more social
COF expenses	2,000 The cost of running a COF process
Judges Training	5,000 To encourage on going education
New Ideas	15,000 Especially for the clubs sub-committee to make things easier for clubs

	<u>110,000</u>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>(53,000)</b>