



Minutes of the NZKC Agility Committee.
September 14th 2013 9am.

Present: Steve Chester, Joanne Rennell, Karen de Wit, Peter de Wit, Nick Chester, Jocelyn Jensen, Sue Willis.

Apologies: Lisa Duff.

Minutes of Previous meetings:

Phone Conference 17th July 2013 - Approved Karen/Steve

Phone Conference 14th August - Approved Nick/Karen.

Matters arising: Rule allowing Australian competitors in NZ competitions approved by the EC.

Financial Report.

Jo Rennell presented her financial report for August. The general account balance \$131,029.87 and the NZDAC holding account \$28,498.50.

Approved Jo/Karen.

Matters arising:

- Are there too many accounts? Joanne to review.
- Are we managing funds for best results.
- Jo asked to track income against budget.
- Transfer \$600 a month to NZDAC fund and remove .1c per entry fee.

Report on Training Grants:

- Mt Maunganui Seminar grant - approved
- Tauranga Club - Visiting instructor – Deb Jackson 4 nights @ \$60 – approved
- Selwyn DTC - visiting instructor – Lisa Duff - 4 nights @ \$50 approved.
- Tokoroa – To file for 4 nights.

Karen to change form on the website for “Application for Grant” - to say same instructor for 3 – 4 nights. All training grants must be pre-approved.

Lisa and Joanne have authority to approve application for training grants if they feel it meets requirements.

Jump Grants:

Taupo - paid.



Huntly – have moved maxi lug (plastic) to 650 mm – remaining lugs are steel.

Taieri – changed lugs on 40 jumps – approved.

Southland – changed lugs on 15 jumps, 10 to be replaced from Mckee. - approved.

Jump Suppliers:

Dyson Beasley – jumps approved

Ron Kenny - jumps approved.

Lester Clarke – jumps approved – Pete to add to website.

Level of subsidy is dependent on type of lugs. Replace with metal lugs the subsidy is \$15. Replace with permanent plastic lugs \$20.

Application for equipment grant:

Southland Made application for assistance to update their equipment. Isolated club with 28 members – has at least 4 double shows per year. Granted \$2000 which exceeded the 50/50 offered by the Committee in July because of their early application and effort made to raise funds to improve their equipment.

Club to be told of decision (Jo) - Club to supply copy of the invoice for approval and payment.

Correspondence:

Mt Maunaganui asked for scheduled measurers – time of measuring stated – and that they be paid. It was felt that the present arrangement was suitable given the number of measurers. Communication before an event was preferable – and that measurers give a suitable time according to their schedules.

Committee to consider giving new handlers in Elementary B one free competition weekend without a permanent height certificate – to take away the early morning pressure to find a measurer before competing.

Measurers Sticks: We have an under supply at the moment. Karen given permission to purchase up to 10 more over a period of time, for distribution.

Letter from Roy Thornycraft regarding the selection of Jumpers for the Teams Event. Reply to point out that this was an interim measure in at least the first year to save additional expense to the NZDAC fund for travel and uniforms, and to see how the addition of Jumpers was received. The Committee has recently filed a NZDAC Discussion document to assess where the agility community thinks this event is headed – and what improvements can be made.

Records on the Website:

Pete asked Ron Frater if he would be prepared to take this on – he has agreed but would need a computer update.

Pete to ask Cam if he can supply.

Steve/Pete to look into buying, (expensive.)

Alphabet Letters: (On permanent numbers.)

The Letter N and O will not be used. Peter to advise Cam.

JDX: Proposed by Anne Proctor to give a title on same principles as ADXA with Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Short discussion with mixed response - Karen and Jocelyn to look into this proposal, gauge support, bring back ideas and develop further.

Weight of Jump Bars. Deb Jackson pointed out a discrepancy in the jump regs regarding the word 'maximum'. Further investigation found that this word should have be 'minimum'. It was agreed that if this was a minimum that a maximum should be set – taking into consideration windy conditions which often prevail in NZ, but also with regard to the safety of dogs. Steve to look into this.

Commitment: Anne Kenny asked the Committee for commitment to current equipment changes - it was felt that this Committee could not speak for future committee's.

Anne asked further questions regarding the changes to jumps. Nick to respond to Anne.

Wairarapa Wing Jump:

Approval to use their wing jump was given.

REGULATIONS:

Karen proposed that clubs be allows to accept 'non comp runs'. The decision to accept non-comp runs to be at the discretion of the Club. (The club may accept non-comp runs in all or some individual classes.)

Approved – Pete/Sue.

Karen to draft regulation.

Peter proposed that club be required to upload to the AC database All Championship event results from the 1st Jan 2014. This will enable us to progress towards the goal of having a complete record of a dogs competition in the database.



Approved Pete/Nick.
Karen to draft regulation.

NZDAC 2013:

Large entries – to accommodate ADXA is now on Saturday and AD on Sunday.

NZDAC 2014:

AC felt that the Zone 5 Committee should rethink proposal for 4 x agility, 3 x jumpers, finals, champ of champs, AD and ADXA – as to whether that was too many events.

Request to put a flyer into the NZDAC 2013 handler packs. Approved

NZDAC 2015: As the NZDAC 2015 may run earlier in the year Steve and Jocelyn have begun making plans.

International Events Sub-Committee

Draft documents to be put on website.

More comprehensive advertising of international events.

Sub committee to ensure that international trainers being brought out for seminars are staggered adequately and do not clash.

AD and ADX Courses.

AD courses – Karen to complete and publish.

ADX courses – Nick to review.

Kirsten Grave Proposal on ADX and ADXA

Discussion on ADX and ADXG to be removed as a requirement for Agility Champion and Grand Agility Champion. The committee generally agreed this was a good idea. Nick to discuss this topic with Kirsten and draft implementation plans.

Kapiti.

Change of date to the 30th of March – approved. Karen to write to club.

Tokoroa:

Change of date for 2014 to 18/19th of January – approved, Pete has confirmed that with the secretary, but at this stage it is not a fixed date in future years. Jocelyn to confirm to Tokoroa that the date is not confirmed for 2015 and they will have to apply for a date in 2015.

Survey on Club WOF.

All committee members to encourage their clubs to participate.



COF.

Steve has produced an updated COF form. This could be given to Clubs to encourage improvement of equipment – told of equipment grant.

Judges:

Nick has been planning a recruitment and retention strategy. Including group discussions, mentors, dealing with problems etc.

Meredith Evans and Rebecca Roper – to the Agility Panel.

Sharon Simonsen and Kevin Burnette to the RT panel.

Jeanette Davis, Nick to contact her and discuss mentoring requirements.

Manakua have advertised Tarah Spyve as judging Senior. As she is not on the senior panel this is not allowed. Nick to contact the club and Tarah and resolve the issue.

Australian Judges:

Peter proposed that all overseas judges must have their courses reviewed to ensure they comply with NZ rules and competition levels.

Nick to vet Australian Judges courses before he judges at the end of this year. Nick to contact the clubs involved. The course must be provided to him at least 2 weeks prior to the competition dates.

Change Name of Dog Heights:

Karen proposed that the heights names Maxi/Midi/Mini/Micro be changed as they sound the same, especially outdoors. Competition for names that would be most appropriate. \$100 prize offered to the best entry. Winner to be chosen by December 1st.

Steve to coordinate.

Agility Chairperson to be decided before ACOD in 2015.

Meeting prior to ACOD to decide Chairperson, secretary, treasurer, vice chair.

General Business.

Cam's Gift: Nick and Steve to investigate.

Old Zone 4 records. Karen to investigate whether or not we want the NZKC to keep such records..

AC emails: To be transferred to Sue.



Weaves: Evidence of the skinny poles required. Sue

Hoops: Not satisfactory in many clubs. COF to deal with this – many need to be replaced. Steve to investigate.

Games: Karen proposed that games be run at Champ shows and titles be given for appropriate achievements. Rationale – it's fun. There was general agreement that this was ok given that club and people that want to do these will and others won't. Karen to draft regulations.

NZDAC Survey: Nick suggested that we provide a response form that may encourage replies. Nick to draft this form and distribute.

Team Trial Standing Orders. To be reviewed by Jo.

Further Meetings:

Phone Conference: Wed. 6th November, 8pm.

Full Meeting: Sunday 1st December in Wellington.