



**MINUTES OF THE NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE.**  
**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 9AM.**

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

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Phone Conference November 6<sup>th</sup> 2013. - Approved.

**Matters arising:** Nothing that is not otherwise to be dealt with on the agenda. - Approved.

**Financial Report:** Jo Rennell presented her financial report for November. The general account balance was \$131,243.92 and the NZDAC holding fund was \$23,366.47. With the present outgoings on subsidies and levies to NZKC expenditure exceeds income.

A large number of clubs are yet to take advantage of the jump subsidy for alterations to bring all competition jumps to the new regulation standard.

The treasurer to look at the money on term deposit to see if better interest rates are available.  
- All approved.

Financial report be accepted - Approved.

**Competition to name height classes:** To reduce the confusion in competition classes particularly between 'midi' and 'mini.' Deb Jackson put forward the most applicable entry and won \$100.

To minimise the impact the Committee is going to encourage the term '**MEDIUM**' to be used for midi in competition situations.

**International Subcommittee.** Nothing to report.

**Overseas instructor:** It's proposed proposed that the International Subcommittee find an acceptable instructor to invite to New Zealand in 2015. The AC would fund the travel up to \$5,000 to make the cost of attending a seminar acceptable to most competitors. - Approved. Nick to action.

**Suggestion for recycling at Shows:** Bevan Dale has recommended that clubs provide separate bins at shows for glass and cans. The committee supported this idea but felt that it was not within their jurisdiction to enforce it. To be put in AC update.

**Phonetic Alphabet:** To aid scribes and those using the pad system it would help greatly if handlers used the correct phonetic word associated with their number. Different words become confusing particularly in the large classes. To be put in AC update.



**Flyball Competition:** Application from South Canterbury to set up a National Flyball competition. The Committee felt that flyball is not part of our responsibilities at this time.

**Certificates of appreciation:** Protocols from the NZKC allow up to 6 per year to be presented.

Criteria: NZKC criteria includes – service to the Kennel Club – long term contribution to administration – long term service as a judge – exceptional service.

Agility Committee criteria to include the above, and felt that the prospective recipient should be active at local, regional and national level – and in different roles.

Several names were suggested, some will be awarded in the immediate future.

**Application for grant from YKC:** Towards the annual camp for Young Handlers to be run from January 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 which includes training in agility, obedience, tricks, dog health and manners.

A one off grant of \$1,500 will be given, in return the Committee has requested an article and photo's suitable to go into Dog World be sent to Karen de Wit.

**Report from NZKC Executive meeting:**

The regulation changes on 'Non competition rounds' and 'Weight of jump rails' has been passed. The new regulation requiring clubs to upload championship results to the AC website will mean that all results are available to view and enable better records to be kept.

Peter de Wit is showing NZKC office staff how to view agility results on the website with a view to how they would use this to publish results in the NZKC Gazette.

**2014 National Dog Show** - to be held in Auckland. It will be well publicised in the hope of attracting large public support. The outside grass area is unsuitable for agility competition – but it is hoped that an indoor display and stand will put our sport in the public eye. An organiser and helpers will be needed.

**NZDAC 2013.** Review by the Show Manager – Karen de Wit.

Things that went well:

- Special event at the end of each day.

- Ring Managers managed the Clubs allocated to that particular ring.

- Good feed back from the Council.

- Marque (also used for results) and canopies were well used and appreciated.

- Tents – 7 m back gave space for movement to rings.

- Good announcement system – and communication between rings and show manager.

Thoughts for futher NZDAC competitions:

- Loaned equipment - insurance for any damages.

- Pre event travel expenses for organisers.



**NZDAC 2014.** Report from Joanne.

Will now be triple agility/triple jumpers. Eight judges have been invited and confirmed. The event will be in Gore – and the venue is said to be excellent.

**NZDAC - Discussion on the future.**

A wide ranging discussion on the feedback was held.

**Mission Statement for NZDAC.**

*New Zealand's premier agility event encapsulating competitive and social aspects and through special events clearly stands above any other agility competition in New Zealand.*

**Interzone Teams:** The Interzone event will be reviewed.

**NZDAC protocol:** A draft to be written for NZDAC protocol covering the responsibilities of the AC and the Event organisers.

**Finals:** The format of the finals and qualifying criteria will be formalised.

**Top Dog Trophy:** Proposal to withdraw because there are adequate trophies given at each level and the difficulty in administration of points in this award. Approved - (Peter abstained)

A thankyou to Peter and Karen for providing this trophy. Suggested that it be given to the NZKC museum as a historical piece.

**AD/ADX:**

An alternative means of gaining AgCh and AgGrCh without gaining AD and ADX but with a greater number of challenges required. The present method of gaining the titles remains.

**Calendar:** 2015 Calendar draft to be started.

Efforts will be made to balance agility/jumpers – some clubs have very uneven numbers. Clubs to be reminded that they are supposed to submit the content of their shows. No new show dates or events may be added without permission of the AC.

Clubs to be asked to check the 2014 Calendar.

**Games:**

Feedback from consultation was positive.

Games to be elevated to Championship level with titles. - Approved.

Regulation to state that Clubs must apply to the AC before Games can be added to a show. As in the introduction of Jumpers competitors will start a different levels depending on the ranking of the dog at the time – e.g. Senior dogs and handlers will start in grade B.



Introduction date will be 1<sup>st</sup> July. - Approved.

**Split Classes:** To have a different judge and course. - Approved.

It has been pointed out the a judge has the right to decline at the time of contract if they do not wish to participate in this. Implementation date may be 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

**JDX Title:** A number of issues were raised – further investigation is required.

**AD courses:** Have been revised and distributed to the AC for comment.

The courses have been accepted and will be used from 1<sup>st</sup> January.

These courses to be sent to judges and clubs.

**ADX courses:** To be revised.

The seesaw and three contact obstacles should be in the courses.

**Equipment:**

Proposed COF to be sent to all Clubs in January 2014.

Clubs to be told that COF's will start July 2014 and all will be covered by December.

Clubs to be told of the opportunity to apply for grants.

**Hoop:** Poor standard throughout the country. Nick to look at hoops in Australia when he is there judging. ? what is available in USA and Britain.

**Tunnels:** Slippery when wet – now being produced with a tread. A/C to look.

**Weave:** Recommendation that minimum weave pole be 25 ml in diameter – maximum 30 ml.

**Design of new equipment:** All equipment should pass COF before being used in competition. Equipment that is new needs to be approved. Covered in regulation 12.1

**Judges:** The A/C to buy resources as they feel fit including new judges equipment.

An incident where a competitor ran a course with the dog on a lead.

Solution: Judges to ask competitors to leave the ring if this happens - reminded in Judges newsletter.

Beth Oliver: Permission for leave of absence given.

**Show Entries.** Diana McKay had submitted an excellent form with the format of how to enter a Championship show, this has been put on the website. The format for entering a ribbon trial is to be added.

**Visiting Instructor Grants:** According to the feedback were highly successful. This is to be extended for a further 6 months. Open to all clubs, but each club may only apply once



in the 6 month period.

**Display Grants:** To be continued and encouraged were it brings the sport into the public eye. Details of the display and feedback following needed.

**Publishing events:** Discussion on employing a journalist/PR company to advertise events- pre and post event coverage.

**Show manager/Show secretary:** Possibility of seminars to cover these positions – as has been done by the NZKC recently.

**Future Meetings:**

Teleconference: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7 pm.

Full meetings :

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

22<sup>nd</sup> June, (ACOD 21<sup>st</sup> June)

13<sup>th</sup> September,

13<sup>th</sup> December.