

MINUTES OF THE NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE.
SUNDAY MARCH 23rd 2014 : 9 am.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Teleconference held on January 29th 2014. Approved Karen/Steve.

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

Approved Peter/Jocelyn.

Order of agenda changed slightly to allow the arrival of the treasurer, Joanne from Invercargill.

ACOD meeting: Delegates Peter de Wit, Joanne Rennell, Steve Chester, Lisa Duff. NZKC office to be informed by Sue.

National Dog Show 2014: Explanation of the set up at the arena, and the area allocated to agility. The Executive Committee expressed the desire for agility to hold rolling displays that the public entering the grounds would see as they headed to the indoor arena. Displays of any type connected to agility would be suitable, such as flyagility, or tricks, in addition to regular agility. Posters, pamphlets, videos, or an explanation on a speaker would enhance the display.

Nick to co-ordinate on behalf of AC .

AC Chairperson invited to Australia: to attend the 5 yearly meeting on changes to their regulations. The Committee felt that agility in New Zealand would be well served by having a person present.

Approved Nick/Steve.

Measuring:

Sheelah Stevens from Hastings approved to be assistant measurer.

System still has difficulties as was recorded by two incoming letters regarding handlers who live in remote areas, or some distance from clubs where there are listed measurers. The measurers find that many dogs have not been trained to stand which makes accuracy difficult, and is time consuming.

Proposed: That the AC pay transport costs of measurer(s) that run measuring clinics away from competitions.

Approved Karen/Steve

Karen/Jocelyn to investigate and propose solutions.

Problem: In some final measures (2 year) the date and the measurers have not been recorded. Karen and Jocelyn to look at the data base and check measuring records.

Financial Report:

January and February report given by Jo Rennell. Joanne/Steve - Approved.

Update on grants and equipment:

50%-60% of clubs have applied as of March 2014.

All must claim by June 30th.

Display grants have been well used. TO BE INCREASED TO \$200. Peter/Nick Approved.

Training grants – not well used - to be encouraged.

GISBORNE – application for grant for new A frame – grant \$800.

Moved Lisa/Sue Approved.

TAUPO – application for grant for two new brush jumps– grant \$230.

Moved Nick/Steve - Approved.

YKC: Have not paid levies on 2014 Benefit Show. NZKC has agreed to a dispensation for this year only.

Honorariums: Now due.

Moved that the treasurer be increased to \$500 in line with the Chairperson and Secretary.

Moved Sue/Jocelyn - Approved.

AC needs a new computer for administration purposes. Up to \$1500 with programmes.

Steve to look into the purchase.

Moved Peter/Karen - Approved.

Review of the AC since June 2013.

- Improvement and consistency of equipment especially jumps.
- Display grants and training grants to encourage public awareness and new members.
- Encourage development of judges.
- Encourage training seminars.

Plan for 2014-2015.**C.O.F.'s** - Main focus. (Steve organising)

- Steve to create the COF implementation plan.
- AC to appoint the people to perform the COF's. A list of 10 people by the end of May needed.
- COF inspectors to meet prior to commencement of assessments to agree on standards. AC to pay meeting expenses.
- AC to pay travel expenses for inspectors up to \$100 per assessment.
- Each assessment will be performed by 2 assessors.
- On passing the Club will be given an updated certificate after passing the inspection.
- Clubs will be encouraged to use the Equipment Grant forms where equipment does not meet the required standard.

CLUBS: Continued support a major focus through :

Club Days: Particularly to encourage new members. Grant available.

Challenge: for all AC members to hold one Club day before September 30th.

NZDAC 2013:

Final Financial Report tabled. \$13000 profit which includes the \$5000 provided by the AC.
Discussion on how this could be used. To be decided at next meeting.

NZDAC 2014: Report

Information is now on the web site.

Budget being set at next meeting on the 25th April after which it will be presented to AC.

NZDAC 2015.

Decision made by representatives from the Zone 2 clubs that the venue is Tokoroa.
Justine Dale is the Chairperson - Gina Boreham is the Facility Organiser.

NZDAC Protocol: Accepted as circulated.

Regulation Changes: Final approval:

- Games will be run at Championship level. Moved Karen/Peter Approved
- Split classes may have different judges and courses. Judge may not compete in a class they have judged. Moved Karen/Jocelyn Approved.
- NZDAC Interzone Teams, Jumpers event optional. If included will be run in the way it was run at NZDAC 2013. Two Jumper dogs selected from the Zone Agility Team – competition on a B type course. Moved Jo/Peter - Approved.

Judges:

Chris Moody & Justine Dale - approved to go onto ART panel.

Kevin Burnette and Janette Davis – approved to go onto the Agility Panel

Jacqui Wigmore – to be encouraged to judge Link and Club events in the immediate future.

Rod Pearce – moved to the Retired Judges Panel.

Course Designer 4 to be purchased from Clean Run by the AC for Karen and Nick to help them aid developing judges.

ADX courses: Being reviewed at present. Confirmed that they will be set at Senior level.

Calendar: Lisa has been reviewing the 2015 Calendar – now in draft form for confirmation – helped by Nick, Jocelyn and Karen in their respective Zones.

There have been changes to some AD and ADX's – some have been attached to Championship shows.

To be sent to clubs for response by the 1st May 2014.

Balance of Agility/Jumpers.

It has been agreed that no new Jumper classes will be added in the immediate future.

Certificates of Appreciation: To be given to:

Fiona Hodgson

Mike Butler,

And two others at an appropriate time.

International Sub Committee: The AC will contribute funds towards expenses of bringing an overseas instructor if they are approved by the AC. This contribution is aimed at reducing the cost of attending the seminar, thereby making it more available to most handlers.

Daisy Peel will be in the country in August for two seminars.

Negotiations underway with Stacie Richards of Australia from.

TOPICS DISCUSSED.

Not Judging Up Contacts: Would make judging easier. Peter to investigate & report.

Re-runs: Where the dog's time is not recorded: Where the competitor chooses not to return for the re-run the dog will be disqualified. The judges are to follow current regulations. Karen/Nick

Collapsible Tunnel: The course should be designed so the at the dog may drive out of it without having to turn acutely. To go onto the 'Judges Recommendations.' Karen/Nick

Judging the weave: A very full explanation with diagrams sent to the AC by Ron Frater will be used in the education and training of judges. The AC thanked him for his considerable contribution. Karen/Nick

Extra awards: This item to be put out for consultation Karen/Jocelyn

Training in the ring: Acceptable under the current regulations with permission from the judge of the class (it will result in the dog being disqualified) and within course time. Nick to respond.

Interzone event: The feeling of the AC is that it needs a revamp to increase interest. There was discussion but no firm outcome.

- that zones reflect the rugby Super 15 regions,
- that uniform colours reflect those worn by the Super 15 teams.
- North Is. V South Is. Would be popular because of the geographical divisions, but selection would be difficult.

Nick

NZDAC Finals: Qualification for finals - Peter to look at the possibilities and present a protocol.

Dog emigrating to NZ: All dogs that have previously competed overseas must apply to the AC for a determination on what level they will commence competition in NZ.

Min/Max Number of Weave poles: To be reinstated in the regulations. Karen

'Accepting Late Entries' This should be the term used by those Competition Secretaries prepared to accept entries beyond the date specified in the schedule. (Closing dates can NOT be moved as this could alter a dogs eligibility for a particular class)

Zone Awards:

Two zones have zone awards calculated on results throughout the year. AC to consider promoting such awards in all zones in future.

Karen applied for permission to buy a Jumpers Trophy for Zone 3. Karen/Sue Approved.

Assembly Areas: It is the responsibility of the Judge to check that the holding area is satisfactory. Communication to this effect will be sent to judges and clubs. Karen/Nick

When Does a Course Officially Start: Recently one handler has started her dog on the landing side of Jump No. 1 and sent her dog around the jump to begin No. 1. Currently acceptable, because it is not covered in the regulations.

Judges running their own dogs on the course prior to competition starting: Yes this is acceptable Nick to respond.

Photos on milestone certificates: Karen to investigate options and cost.

Volunteer Week for 2014. Competition for Top Volunteers at Club level. A photo and a brief write up on someone who contributes to your club over and above expectations. There will be Club Awards, Volunteers grants and Certificates of Recognition. Karen

Tunnels: Karen to ask Roy T for pictures of the new Tairei tunnels.

Future Meeting Dates:

22nd of June – following ACOD on the 21st.

13th of September.

13th of December.