

MINUTES OF NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE MEETING: 13th December 2014.

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

Apologies: Lisa Duff.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Accepted as a true account.

Matters arising from the minutes: Confirmation of the subsidy started in 2014 to be given to members of the interzone teams as – cost of a small vehicle on the ferry, plus .10c per km. Approved.

Financial Report:

September, October, November reports presented by Joanne Rennell.
Joanne/Steve Approved.

Executive Council Report: (Steve Chester)

It is proposed that the NZKC be renamed to NZ Dogs or DogsNZ.

Electronic membership under consideration.

Overall strategic plan to improve services to all clubs and members.

2016 Proposed National venue in Christchurch not yet confirmed.

Agility matters with NZKC:

Karen communicating with NZKC about photo's for milestone certificates.

P.O.Box: proposed that mail be redirected to the NZKC for redistribution.
Steve to talk to Peter Dunne.

Clive Bushell confirmed for Auckland committee.

Agility Committee nomination forms for election in 2015, plus the remit involving the vote on nominee for AC representation to the Exec. Council.
Steve to talk to Peter Dunne

Peter de Wit – now on NZKC Dog Judges Association disputes committee.

Museum items required – to be put out to membership for ideas or items.

Certificate of Fitness: (Review)

Steve commented that progress was slower than expected, particularly in the S.I. 15 from a total of 45 clubs have been tested.

It has been noted that private equipment has been used at events – clubs are to note that any equipment used at shows must be up to the accepted standard, and passed by the judge or checked during a COF.

Payment to be made to assessors on receipt of COF report.

Inward Correspondence:

A competitor found that she had incorrectly entered JB at champ shows when she had not won out of JC. To return to JC.

Random Running Order:

Not regulated, but it is tradition and customary that any movement in the running order is done in such a manner as to not change the order of the handler's dogs.

Walking the course:

One course walk per class, done at the start of the class, except where there is a split class, judged by different judges and the course is different, where a handler may have dogs in both.

Long Jump query.

Dog should be faulted if it runs over the elements that make up the long jump without knocking them over. Dog who knocks the last element of the long jump as it might hit a rail, but does not dislodge it, is not faulted.

Proposal: Where the dog's birthday falls on the Sunday of a show, it should be allowed to enter on the Saturday. Committee felt this would lead to complications if the dog's birthday fell on the Friday or Saturday of a NZDAC or on a long weekend like Queens Birthday.

Proposal: That a seesaw should not be used in unsplit classes because it is a disadvantage to small dogs. Committee felt that other pieces of equipment could be used in a similar argument for other heights. Additionally it was felt that judges should not be dictated to, regarding the use or non-use of equipment.

Proposal: Change to the split regulation to allow a mix of more than two heights to make up a class. The Committee is not prepared to take this forward for consultation in this term of office. The suggestion could be taken to the Committee after the 2015 election.

Promotional Material:

Supplies of promotional pamphlets are depleted. Ordering new supplies to be left to the new Committee.

Consultation Document:

A consultation document was put out to the agility public in September. There were numerous replies to questions involving the weave, wing jumps, 2 year measurement extra awards and titles, and the governance remit regarding the AC representative at Executive Council meetings. As a result the following changes to regulations will be made.

Regulations:

Weave: 6 – 12 weaves can be used in Novice, Intermediate and Senior.
Poles must be vertical. Approved.

Wing Jumps: New standard and maximum width altered from 600 mm to 650 mm.
Approved.

2 Year Measurement: Change in the time frame for 2 year measure to take place from 2 weeks before the dogs 2nd birthday to 27 months. Dog may continue to compete on their interim measurement in this time. Approved.

New Awards will be available to JB, JA and Senior. To start from Jan 2014, the date that all results were uploaded to the agility website.

All extra awards will be superseded by higher qualifications, with the lower title dropped. Approved.

New Consultation Document: (Judges consulted, now to go to agility public)

Up Contacts;

Start Line procedure:

Backside approaches to wing jumps.

Hoops: Proposal from Karen that breaking the hoop is not faulted.

Calendar:

Request from Huntly to run a triple jumpers on the Sunday after their RT in Sept. May do so, but must balance an equal number of agility and jumpers classes.

Proposed that they could run a triple agility at their May show, and jumpers in Sept.

CHB: Request to change their schedule to 2 x agility, 2 x jumpers and ADX for 2015. Approved.

Otago - addition of Jumpers class to the April show - Not approved.

Nick proposed a return to procedure previously adhered to where any changes to show schedules had to be made by a fixed date.

International Subcommittee: Report from Fiona Ferrar with the current situation. Small groups are travelling without dogs to international competition in 2015.

Daisy Peel has shown interest in returning to NZ in late 2015.

Nick spoke about Australasian competition – held every two years.

NZDAC 2014:

The NZDAC made a loss of \$1344.50 over the \$5000 AC grant already provided.

Awaiting the final NZDAC financial report. The NZDAC committee to provide reasons for extra expenditure.

The NZDAC committee requested that the AC cover the extra expenditure.

Moved that the AC pay the \$1344.50.

Approved.

NZDAC 2015:

Programme presented: Jocelyn moved that the programme be accepted.

Approved

Flyagility programme was questioned – It was recommended that flyagility not run at the same time as agility events.

Budget: Presented by Jocelyn from Shelley Stewart - meeting felt that it was not detailed enough, and recommended looking at previous NZDAC budgets.

Karen pointed out the need to budget for refunds and to have a contingency of at least \$5000 at this stage.

NZDAC 2016:

To be held in Zone 4 - planning should be starting.

Judges:

Leave of absence for Teresa Ford until she returns from Canada Approved.

Kirsten Graves: Permission to judge in Queensland in 2015. Approved.

From a safety point of view it is not appropriate for a judge to allow a dog to run a course with a lead on. This is against regulations.

Maximum hours that a judge should judge. Overworking judges has been identified as an issue. All clubs should look at their schedules and see if they need to increase the numbers of judges. Letter to be sent to all clubs.

New Judges: Question of the requirement for 2 clear rounds in intermediate before application can be made. Now with the various panels and support for new judges it is felt that each individual should be judged on their merits.

The AC have the right to waive the criteria.

Applicants need to have contributed to club activities.

Karen to revise regulation.

Dogs considered by the Judge unfit to compete. Further discussion next meeting.

Judges Exam-Nick to do. Karen to send him an example of last year's exam..

Advertise closing date for changes to Judge's panels and new applications.

Courses:

AD/ADX courses: Preplanning is needed by clubs to accommodate the start line. This may involve moving campers/day tents back to allow room for the start.

ADXA courses to be reviewed by Karen and Nick.

General Business:

Application from North Shore for grant to bring equipment up to COF standard. Granted \$1500 dollars.

Steve/Peter Approved.

Application from Zone 3 for funds to pay for Zone award ribbons and engraving.

Karen/Sue Approved.

Wetting at shows: reminder that the recipient should give permission.

Discussion on the pegging of wing jumps, - is it a safety issue? Ideas.

Champions leads to go ahead with getting quotes. Karen/Sue

Next meeting 14th March.