

MINUTES OF NZKC AGILITY COMMITTEE MEETING: 14th March 2015.

Present: Joanne Rennell, Karen de Wit, Peter de Wit, Jocelyn Jensen, Lisa Duff, Nick Chester, Sue Willis. Steve Chester arrived 11 am – delayed in Rotorua by fog.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Accepted as a true account. Sue/Nick approved.

Matters arising in the minutes: No matters arising that are not covered in other parts of the agenda.

Financial report: December, January, February reports presented by Joanne Rennell.
Joanne/ Jocelyn Approved.

The 2015-2016 Budget for the Yearbook was presented by Joanne.
\$84.500 income
\$84.000 expenditure.

Joanne/Peter Approved.

Honorariums are due to be paid to Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Outline of our achievements in the past two years: A draft copy was presented by Peter, covering the focus of the committee over the past two years. It will be published in full, but included:

- Each club associated with one AC member for improved communications.
- Club training grants,
- Seminar grants.
- Equipment grants.
- Ribbon trial grants.
- Club night grants.
- Pay for measurers travel costs to measuring clinics conducted at clubs.
- Judges training;
- Certificate of Fitness of club equipment, with dog safety in mind.
- Introduction of games.

Agility Committee election update: Period of application for South Island extended. One further applicant had submitted. New committee to take over 1st May 2015.

Executive Council Report: Nothing new to report.

Mail Box: All 'snail' mail to be redirected to the NZKC. P.O. Box in Upper Hutt to be closed by Karen.

All mail going through the Post Office is to be sent to the NZKC. This information needs to be published.

Agility community to be encouraged to send mail electronically to the Secretary, who will distribute it to the correct member of the AC..

Steve/Sue Approved.

Report from ANKC meeting in Melbourne: Tabled by Peter who attended.

Inward Correspondence:

Application for subsidy from CCOC. Need to have COF before application considered.

Application for subsidy for Blenheim - approved - \$1500 to bring equipment to standard.

Karen/Lisa Approved.

Application for subsidy for CATS: approved \$1370

Lisa/Nick Approved.

Application for subsidy for Waimak. Approved \$700

Karen/Nick. Approved.

Application for subsidy for Wairarapa: \$500 (Karen to inform)

Karen/Joanne Approved.

Application for subsidy for Upper Hutt. Approved \$750.

Nick/Jocelyn. Approved.

Noted: Peter and Karen abstained from voting on the Upper Hutt subsidy due to conflict of interest.

Central Hawkes Bay seminar for 13/14th of June: grant of \$300 from the 2015-2016 budget. Asked to supply a flyer for the website calendar.

Application for Nick Chester to judge in Sydney 5/6 Sept. 2015. Approved with our best wishes for a successful trip.

Letter from regarding whippy weaves seen at shows in the North Island, a problem with tunnel huggers, and the need for education on pegging equipment.

The problem with holding a tunnel in place with an adequate, non injurious stabilizer continues to be a problem, but the regulations and recommendations have made the them safer. Further work is needed. Karen to reply.

Letter from regarding whippy weaves seen at shows that adversely effect larger dogs. The poles are easily distorted and tend to whip back against the dogs as they pass through.

It is hoped that the word 'vertical' and ' in a straight line' in the regulation covering the weave in competition will help alleviate these problems.

Letter from Horowhenua Club about the lack of time to correct equipment that is failed by the COF. Sited their own case. Karen to communicate, the club has 3 months do repairs and maintenance – this was felt to be enough.

Complaint from the North Shore Club about the lack of communication from the AC over regulation changes. The communication from the AC will be a greater priority, but the web site contains all information.

Request from Blenheim Club to allow a 3 legged Kelpie into a foundation class. Approval given.

Letter to Steve Chester from Brian Gollins regarding NZDAC funding. Responded to by Steve. Letter and reply tabled.

Letter from YKC requesting permission to enter a team in the Interzone event at NZDAC.

Reply to be written to clarify certain points: such as the selection process, funding for the team, and the level of support within the YKC.

Calendar: 2016 Calendar discussed and process decided upon.

Lisa will send information to all clubs – this will include the draft copy, the time available for clubs to make submissions, with the 2016 calendar finalized by 1st July 2015.

It should be noted that if clubs wish to change classes at a show they must apply to the AC.

Judges:

ADXA Courses have been designed by Nick and Karen, to be scrutinized by Fiona Hodgson.

Long term service acknowledgement to those judging in New Zealand discussed. Nick to follow up. Those considered at this time, Alan McClumpha, Libby Ellery, Alan Willox and John Muir.

Justine Dale, and Chris Moody – promoted to the agility panel.

Jacqui Wigmore – promoted to the ribbon trial panel.

Malcolm Short, Wayne Grant, Fiona Mitchell, and Blake Geirg to the trainee panel.

Regulation Change: 7:8:1:3 deleted. The removal of the requirement of 2 intermediate clear rounds before application to judge. Steve to take to the Executive Council.

Judges Subcommittee:

Recommended that a mentor be appointed to all new applicants, in addition to the mentor they choose.

Karen to add mentors to the Standing Orders.

Karen proposed the AC buy 'Course Design' books, and pay for the photocopying for the 'New Judges Packs.'

Sue/Jocelyn Approved.

Measurers:

Chris Charlton and Kim Orlando-Reep promoted to the main panel.

New stick for Matilda.

A subsidy has been paid to the North Otago Club to allow them to hold a measuring clinic.

Wayne Grant: to supply details of measuring before the decision on his position on the panel can be made.

Events/Calendar:

AD and ADXA courses dates will be allocated and spread around the zone, with four in the first 6 months and four in the last 6 months.

Mangawhai Club looking for a date in February needs to communicate with any other club holding a show on that date.

Huntly - needs to balance jumpers and agility at championship level.

DAWG – permission given to add a Jumpers to their November show.
Nick/Steve Approved.

NZDAC 2015:

Budget was presented by Jocelyn on behalf of the NZDAC committee.
Jocelyn/Peter Approved.

The initial setting up fee of \$5000 to be paid after 1st April 2015.

The website for Tokoroa needs to start.

Proposal that the NZDAC protocol to be moved into standing orders.
Peter/Steve Approved.

NZDAC 2016: To be held in Zone 4.

Work in progress.

Certificate of Fitness. (COF)

32 out of 46 clubs have had their initial inspection of equipment.

Aim is to have all done by 4th June.

AC to issue certificates.

General Business:

Hoops: design still a problem - sometimes dogs crash into them and they don't break open other times lightly knocked they open. No conclusion reached.

Pegging Wing Jumps: Contrary to dog safety - ? design.

Progress made on certificates with dog picture has been made. Order from NZKC – will cost \$20.

Refunds: Clubs can form their own policy within the policy of the NZKC. Regulations. Can be found in the Show Regulations. Karen to publish a guideline.

Standing Orders: To be reviewed by Karen and added to the website.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST OF THE 2015-2017 COMMITTEE.