

## NZKC Agility Committee

Minutes 5 November 2016

Started at 9.10

Present: Bevan, Glenn, Steve, Claire, Wayne, Karen, Robyn. Pete Dunn joined meeting at 9.30, left 10.40 am

- **Apologies** Diana.
- **Confirmation of Minutes** accepted Karen/Steve

- **Matters Arising**

- **Correspondence**

- **Outstanding Correspondence (See attached)**

- Patrick Lander – Application for Re-Measure of Dog

Grant a remeasure at HB show – Karen & Sharon Simonsen

- Joanne Rennell – New Height Category Suggestion

Committee has discussed it at length and consider that the timing is inappropriate at this time.

- Chris Charlton – Cancelling Shows

If in the opinion of the show manager/committee, it is unsafe to hold the event they may choose to cancel the show. With the recent changes to the Health and Safety Act and the Animal Welfare Act responsibility for the safety of both the dog and the handler ultimately rests with the Show Manager. It may also be necessary to cancel due to unavoidable external factors.

AC to write a reg saying this, standing orders will have actual details on how to deal with this. Would not normally cancel due to weather 2 weeks out. Based on something that is actually happening, not something that might happen. Check with Peter Dunne re precedents.

Possibility that clubs could ask AC for help of extra costs involved in keeping show operational.

Refunds from a cancelled show – The club deducts actual costs from income, the difference is then divided by the total amount of runs. This is the refund due to the competitors.

- Queenstown Agility Club & Wanaka Dog Club – Club Contact Listing To be added

Clubs need to affiliate with NZKC. Wayne to contact them. to talk to them about affiliation

- Lyn Sayers Correspondence on the COF Process

Steve to write a note to Lyn, Having taken legal advice we believe that the agility committee has not only jurisdiction on if the equipment meets our regulations but is also safe. While it is outside the NZKC Regulations, we also have to be seen to be following New Zealand law. The recent changes to the act makes our process also responsible for the dogs welfare and if in the opinion of the assessor who approves the equipment it does not meet this test then they are ultimately responsible.

- Ngaire O'Rourke – Correspondence

There is an automatic reply to mail.

Slightly modify the message on website about time that replies will take. (Need to alter length of time for meetings (4-6 weeks!!) on website. We also need to publish that anything to be discussed at the meeting needs to be received at least a week in advance of the meeting

Bevan to reply

Loomio is working well for debating issues and making decisions outside of committee with an electronic record

- Julie Nelson – Dog Registration -Had registered her dog twice and got two different numbers. Sorted.

- **Financial Report**

Clean run designer costs for judges, some equipment grants, travel, then most of statement is NZDAC.

AC income is levies. \$55,000 last year with \$17,600 to NZKC.

Accepted Karen/Steve

- **Area Reports**

Wayne – 2 new clubs in his area.

Claire – NZDAC went well

Karen – Wanganui in difficulties. Karen attended a meeting to discuss problems.

Robyn – obedience / agility clash in Hawkes Bay in October.

Steve – Tokoroa price announcement doesn't seem to have made a major ripple.

Tokoroa ring management seminar went well.

Bevan – clubs fine. Cancellation of WAG of show. – discussed in correspondence

Glenn – clubs fine.

- **Executive Report** Change in chair of exec – The Agility Committee welcomes Nigel to his role and wishes him well. We are open to him attending meetings and events to learn about our sport and encourage the continuation of the joint chairs committee

Possibly agility is going to get more focus from health and welfare committee.

Putting agility info in new members packs. Congratulate Peter & Geoff on their promotions. Best wishes to Clyde. Two new agility clubs. COF stickers.

- **NZDAC 2016**

Vote of thanks to organisers

Went well. All enjoyed it. Looked after the judges well. Need to look at traffic flow for prizegivings.

Bevan to talk to 2017 committee about possibility of mementos for people making it into finals. (Really nice certificate)

**2017**

Grounds checked after heavy rain. No problem.

Looking at getting TV coverage. Possibly radio coverage as well. Need to add disclaimer to entry form saying giving permission to be filmed. All video being done would need to be for private use only, not for public display. Will need money shortly to book a shower block.

**Calendar dates** -Set on Loomio

**AC clothing** - Final sizing confirmed.

**Judges clothing grant** – AC to subsidise up to \$100. Karen to liaise with Cam. Timeline completion by Xmas?? Karen/Steve

**Peter Dunne** –

- Paid Staff Member at NZKC

Possibility of partial paid position at NZKC for person to do agility admin, eg some treasurer jobs, secretary etc. Cost AC about \$15,000 per year. Extra support for NZDAC. Would leave AC committee doing agility stuff rather than having to spend time on admin. Reduce load on volunteers. Bevan suggests that this person would become an agility account manager who understand agility. What percentage of NZKC time is spent on agility? 21% membership, probably about 15% of work time for agility at NZKC. NZKC money comes from specialist breed clubs, much more than all breeds show and obedience & agility.

Discussion. Do we have the money to pay for this? If we commit to this are we locked in? – asked and it could be possible to appoint the job under the conditions reviewed at the end of a year. To make a change we need to be able to do things differently and better. Would we get extra value to what the volunteers are doing?

Sponsor taking greater interest in NZDAC and a few things need to be clarified.

Agility at National Dog Show needs consistency from year to year. Went very well in Christchurch. A lot of happy public. But can't do it the same way in Auckland & Wellington. Bevan talked to Nigel Trainer about letter AC sent to NZKC about National Dog Show. Need to have consistency year to year. Problems with some areas not being suitable for agility. Could only do a short event/display to showcase agility at some venues. The showcase would need to be in the main ring.

Breeders code of ethics – not transfer puppies until 8 weeks old. Discussion on this. Some agility people prefer to have puppies from 6-7 weeks.

Peter gave a bio of Nigel Trainor the new president of NZKC.

When people join the NZKC do they get a new members pack and is there any agility info in it? Yes, to pack, no agility info in it. Need to get agility info in it.

- Equipment/CoF

Steve showed committee possible COF certificates. Members taking some home on trial.

Private gear can be COF'd if clubs wish to use it.

Zone 1 needs to COF all its gear. **Steve** is happy to run COF assessors training. Steve, Bevan & Glenn organising. Steve will COF gear where he is competing. \$100 costs per club for assessors. Need to recertify original COFers if they wish to continue COFing. Don't allow conflict of interest areas.

- Equipment Design Approval – Steve put a process together if people wish to change a design.

These are the criteria – does it improve the gear etc – **Steve** to write a proposal.

- Maximum Bar Weight – Robyn. Discussed.

AC encourage all clubs to use AC equipment grants to replace gear as required.

- Judges

Nothing

- Regulations - Consultation

OK – up contacts with A-frame, judges indicating at start, stepping over equipment, **standalone wing for back of jumps**.

Starts/broken leadouts – clarify that if handler walks past the timer, then goes back to dog and touches it, 5 faults. Problem with people going back to their dog multiple times without touching. Going back to dog once past the timers more than once D. Consult with agility community again.

Defining back side of jump. Need a picture and a slight change of words. Consult.

Pegging wing jumps. The committee viewed a couple of stabilising methods for wing jumps. We would like to encourage the agility community to continue to offer positive ideas for solutions to this problem. In windy conditions wing jumps may be stabilised. Consult on stabilising methods. **Not** to peg over any part of the jump.

Collapsible tunnel – leave as proposed in new regs and develop guidelines for new tunnels. If club need to upgrade tunnels use equipment grants.

Reruns – dog that has disrupted run and gets time, doesn't have to do rerun. Change wording.

Otherwise D'd.

Rewrite reg on ties. Tied result equals.

Leads in pocket. Long discussion by committee. Do not change regulation.

Weave rule change. A range of comments. Only change to weave reg is weave fault in elementary.

Committee to make a statement that excess repetition of weaves is not helpful.

- Data Sharing

How do we encourage people to develop innovative front end programs based on the AC back end database?

- Database checks and catalogues (see Dog Ineligible for Champ pdf)

. Development of checks is an ongoing process. Database continues to evolve.

- Any Other Business

Using Loomio for discussion and voting

Safety – wet grass clippings on ground

Approve honorarium \$500 each secretary, treasurer, president -Steve/Robyn approved

Rolling calendar – develop one for AC and NZDAC to help future committees.

**Bevan** to contact Peter asking about dates for AC committee elections.

It was nice to receive feedback from people with constructive criticism and possible solutions about how we could improve things.

Next meeting 7 January.