

Report of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee
October 1st 2011 10.00am
Soi Restaurant Wellington

Present: Cam List, Kirstin Graves, Keri Neilson, Kate Butler, Sue Willis, Karen De Wit and Lisa Duff

Apologies: Paul Taylor

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true and correct record of proceedings

2. Financial report

1. Paul presented his financial report, via Skype. It was moved that the payments be approved.
2. NDTA team trial subsidies were very well received and positive feedback was received from the agility community.
3. It was proposed that the NDTA levies not be paid to the NZKC, as an agreement was reached at Executive level to align the collection of levies at the National Dog Show with the New Zealand Dog Agility Championships. The money will still be tagged for levies and will remain in the current NDTA account as surplus and will be returned to the NDTA holding account.

3. Correspondence

1. It was moved that the Inwards be received and the Outwards be approved. All outwards correspondence from sub-committee members will be CC'd to the AC secretary email and responses will be directed to the AC secretary email. This is to ensure that a record is kept of all incoming and outgoing correspondence.

4. Sub Committee Reports - Measuring

1. Measuring Clinics/Support to Measurers – A discussion was had around supporting measurers in their role. An email will be sent to clubs to remind them that it is their responsibility to assist in the organising of measuring clinics for their club members, possibilities include liaising with local measurers and organising clinics or contacting measurers to measure before or after an event. Measurers will also be provided with support towards transportation costs if they are required to travel to a measuring clinic/show that they were not already planning to attend.
2. Measuring RT Only Certificates – A discussion was had around the requirement to re-measure a dog for a Champ Show measuring certificate. If a dog has been measured for a Ribbon Trial measuring certificate, once they provide their NZKC numbers they can have their certificate upgraded to a Champ show measuring certificate.
3. Draft Protocol for Measuring of Dogs for NZ Agility –The draft protocol for measuring dogs for NZ Agility was presented. It was moved that the draft protocol for measuring of dogs for NZ Agility be adopted. All in favour, motion passed.

4. Measuring Sticks - Measurers will be contacted and a stock-take undertaken of who has measuring sticks and ensure that all official main measurers have a measuring stick. Judges and clubs will also be contacted to find out whom else is interested in being trained to become an official measurer.
5. Document for Training New Measurers – The draft protocol for training new measurers was presented. This was discussed and the process was explored and the logistics of how this would work was discussed in depth. This document will be used as a guide to train new people who express interest in becoming a measurer.

5. Sub Committee Reports - Heights Review

1. Review of Heights and Splits – The terms of reference document for the review of heights and splits was presented. The document covers the rationale and purpose of the review, objectives of the review, and an overview of the review process timeline. Tasks will be assigned within the subcommittee.

6. Regulations

1. AD/ADX at Ribbon Trials - The submissions received were discussed and the large majority of respondents were for the entering of AD and ADX on the day at Ribbon Trials. The administration/logistics of this will need to be explored further. It was proposed that the regulation, pending Executive Council approval, be amended.
2. Dog Assessment Protocol – A draft protocol regarding dog assessment was submitted when there is an incident involving a dog at a show. This protocol was accepted and will be placed in the standing orders.
3. Zone Teams Regulations – An email was received regarding a potential regulation change relating to the eligibility to trial for the Zone NDTA team – a slight regulation change will be made to clarify this further. The regulation will state that you need to live in the zone and be a member of a club within the zone that you are trialling for. It was proposed that the regulation, pending Executive Council approval, be amended.
4. NDTA Team Entry Form Requirements – An email was received regarding the requirement to complete a NZKC entry form for the team's event. This was discussed and it was agreed to remove this requirement from the regulations. It was proposed that the regulation, pending Executive Council approval, be amended.
5. Interaction with Equipment – The findings from the judges survey regarding interacting with equipment was presented. A robust discussion was had regarding the feedback from judges. The regulations will be forwarded out to all clubs and agility members for feedback.

7. Communications

1. 2012 Australian Nationals - A letter was received from members of the agility community regarding receiving dispensation to compete in the 2012 Australian Nationals. The committee discussed this and felt that they would only require dispensation if they were intending to judge. The committee are more than happy for them to go as individuals and if required we can send an official email of support to the relevant parties in Australia. They have asked for the team entry fee

to be covered and we would be more than happy to do so as long as they provided us with details of the team selection process to ensure that it is transparent and equitable to all.

7. Judges

1. Trainee Judges Applications – Applications received from Rebecca Roper to join the agility trainee judges panel. This was accepted pending Executive approval.
2. Senior Panel Application – Carl Ranford has applied to join the Senior Panel which he is eligible to do so from the 1st April. This will be pre-approved and made effective of 1st April 2012, pending Executive approval.
3. Resignation from Senior Panel – Roger Van Huenen has retired from the senior agility panel. His resignation has been accepted and we thank him for his years of service.
4. NZKC Judges Database – Contact needs to be made with NZKC regarding their out of date database.
5. Judges Seminars – A discussion was had around possible ideas for the development of judges mentoring and professional support.

8. Publicity/Communications

1. Promoting our Sport – A support document is in development regarding promoting agility displays and the process for applying for agility display grants.
2. Display Boards – This was explored and at this stage will be placed on hold.

9. Clubs

1. How to run a show booklet – on-going.
2. Catalogues – An email was received regarding the layout of splits in catalogues. This is entirely dependent on the programme show secretaries are using.

10. Calendar

1. 2011/2012 Calendar – on-going
2. 2013 – The 2013 calendar is under development.

11. Disputes

Nothing to report.

12. Health and Safety

1. Nothing to report.

13. Equipment

1. COF Certificates - COF's certificates need to be re-checked, we are aiming to have this actioned by the end of the year. We will work on some draft specifications to meet the requirements of the COF.

14. National Events

1. 2011 NDTA – An update was provided to the committee. Organisation is moving into its final stages. The committee are looking forward to a successful NDTA.
3. 2012 NZDAC – An update was provided.
4. NAC Event – A further email regarding the future of NAC was received. At this stage we will place this on hold until we explore the future look of agility at the National Dog Show.
5. Nationals 2012 – Members of the committee will meet with Pat Dance and have some initial discussions regarding the 2012 National Dog Show. They will report back to the committee and further discussion will be had regarding the future on dog agility at the National Dog Show.

15. Executive Council

1. Certificate of Appreciation – A nomination was received for a NZKC Certificate of Appreciation.

16. Obedience Matters

1. Nothing to report at this time

17. YKC Matters

1. YKC Benefit Championship Jumpers Show – They are running their first every benefit show in Feilding in January.

18. General Business

1. Weave Faults – Email received regarding weave faults. If a handler and dog combination wins on a non-clear round they are not eligible for promotion.
2. Assembly Areas – A concern was raised regarding assembly areas. A friendly reminder regarding this will be placed on Cam's List.
3. NZKC Entry Forms Proposal – This is currently being explored and discussed with the

Executive. A survey has been developed to the agility community to gauge their interest in entering online.

5. Jump Height Exemption – An email was received from a member asking to jump their dog at maxi until its two year permanent measurement. They were granted a six month exemption until the dog receives its permanent measure. Then it will be required to jump the official height that it permanently measures. This was motioned and accepted.

A regulation change to accommodate such requests will be written. Any dog between the ages of 18mth - 24mth that measures within 10mm of the next height category will have the option to apply to jump in the higher height class until the dog is permanently measured and receives its permanent height certificate.

6. ADX Courses – An email was received regarding the ADX course designs. It was agreed that these need to be reviewed and updated.

7. Advertising and Delivery of Awards at Events - A discussion was had around reminding clubs that when they advertise the allocation of awards that they ensure they are consistent with this.

8. Agility Database – On-going

9. Incorporated Society - On-going

Meeting Closed at 3.45pm
Next meeting: TBC