

Report of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee Meeting
July 8th 2012 10.05am
Soi Restaurant Wellington

Present: Cam List, Steve Chester, Paul Taylor, Kate Butler, Sue Willis, Karen De Wit, Keri Neilson and Lisa Duff

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

Paul/Karen
AGREED

2. Financial report

Paul T presented his financial report. General account balance \$114,198.48 NDTA Account \$21,324.69. It was moved that payments be accepted. We are still awaiting Zone 4 NDTA 2011 final accounts, which are due in over the next few weeks.

Paul discussed levies charges for the next financial year. At this stage we will leave the levies as they are and absorb the increased costs from the NZKC. This was approved.

Paul also proposed that 1c from every entry (approximately \$1,700 per year) is paid into the NZDAC holding account. This was proposed, seconded and moved.

Paul/Karen
AGREED

3. Correspondence

1. It was moved that the Inwards be received and the Outwards be approved.

Lisa/Keri
AGREED

4. Regulations

1. Regulation Changes - A list of the various regulation changes that have been approved and need to be altered in preparation for being submitted to the Executive Council has been compiled. These include: elementary eligibility, probationary judging, NZDAC team entry eligibility and marked catalogues. A proposal was received regarding judges judging different height classes, within the one standard class. This was put to the vote and the motion was declined.
2. Maximum number of obstacles in Jumpers A & Senior - A discussion was had regarding judges utilising 25 obstacles in courses and how this is not aligned with international federations regulations. At this stage we will leave the existing regulation. Karen will address with judges that the 25 obstacles in Jumpers A & Senior is a maximum requirement but not an expectation.

5. Competitions

1. Team Trials - Lisa, Sue & Karen updated the committee on team trials. Paul will pay the \$200 subsidies to the zone coordinators. Lisa to inform him of the zone coordinators.
1. International Co-ordinator - We have had a number of people express interest in joining this sub-committee. We agreed to ask Ali Barnett to lead/co-ordinate this sub-committee. We also agreed that there needed to be one committee member on this sub-committee and any major decisions need to come back to the committee for discussion. Lisa will take on this liaison role.
2. FCI 2013 - An expression of interest was received regarding attending and competing at the 2013 FCI in South Africa. This will be forwarded to the sub committee.

6. Judges

1. Judges Contracts - Feedback has been positive. The updated contract will be re-forwarded to the committee for final approval.
2. Course Analysis Project - Karen shared the progress regarding this project. Five judges have received feedback on their submitted courses. We thank the participating judges and Nick Chester and Fiona Hodgson for the huge amount of time and effort they have put into this project.
3. New Judges & Returning - Rebecca Roper has applied to go on the ribbon trial panel. This will be subject to Executive approval.

7. Publicity/Communications

1. Website - Online entries are a new initiative that is being utilised. Acknowledgment needs to be given to Peter De Wit for the time and effort that he has put into this initiative.

8. Clubs

1. Club Health - Steve is developing some support documents for clubs around running shows. He will forward these to the committee for feedback shortly. We discussed the need to support clubs and promote ideas for sourcing/maintaining new members and building up our clubs. We will run a competition to promote ideas for maintaining positive club health. Karen will promote this within the Dog World and we will offer cash prizes of \$300 and \$100 x 2 for the winning clubs write ups and photos. We discussed the need for each committee member to be aware of the clubs within their zones and offer support/guidance when and if necessary. We will approach some individuals within the agility community to provide support for assisting clubs to make pub charity applications/fundraising etc. It was proposed that we create a fund to provide grants for clubs that need support for purchasing of new equipment. They would need to provide financial statements and quotes as part of their application process. Karen will source the application forms that are used for the NALA grants. It was moved, seconded and approved that \$5,000 will be made available each year. Once the documentation has been developed we will inform the clubs.

9. Calendar

1. 2013 Calendar – Kate shared the developments with the 2013 calendar.

10. Disputes

Nothing to report at this time.

11. Health and Safety/Equipment

1. COF Progress - Progress so far was shared. It was suggested that we develop some guidelines to support us in completing the certificate of fitness re-checks for the clubs. Our aim would be to have these checks completed by the end of January 2013. An email will be forwarded to clubs advising them of the requirement to ensure gear is up to standard ready for COF inspections, this will be done once the guidelines are developed/updated.
2. Weaves - A concern was raised regarding the weave pole design and the need to standardise the regulations regarding these for safety reasons. A rationale was presented and some suggested regulation changes. We will forward this to clubs for feedback and then review this at our next meeting. Intention is for this regulation to be changed as at the 1st January, with a year provided for clubs to address any weave equipment issues.

12. National Events

1. 2012 NZDAC - Sue will organise the new trophies and liaise with Kirstin regarding this.
2. 2013 NZDAC - It was proposed to add Jumpers to the teams event. This would require a regulation change. Cam will survey the agility community and seek feedback on this proposal.
3. Nationals Update - Nothing to report at this time.
4. Zone One Trophies - An update was received on the Zone One Trophies. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

13. Executive Council

1. Certificate of Appreciation – Two nominations at present pending.

14. Measuring

1. Measurers - Ann Kenny & Jo Moody have been approved as measurers. Karen has developed some further support materials in the form of a demonstration video and support documents around settling dogs up for measurement. We discussed the cut off dates and there was a motion that dogs can be measured 4wks prior to their 18mth measurement and the final measure will remain at two weeks. This was voted on and passed. The regulation will be changed and updated.
2. Permanent Numbers - The survey indicated that the majority of the agility community are in favour of permanent numbers. The regulation will be changed that all dogs two years and over are required to have

a permanent number to compete at Championship level. All in favour, passed. Clubs and show secretaries will be contacted and informed.

17. YKC Matters

Nothing to report at this time

18. General Business

1. Height of the See Saw - An email was received regarding the inequity due to the height of the see saw. We discussed this and felt that at this stage this was not a matter to explore further.
2. Walking the Course Regulation - An email was received regarding the regulation around walking the course after the class has begun. This was discussed and an email will be sent to clarify this further.
3. Honorariums - It was proposed that the committee receive an annual honorarium payment to cover miscellaneous costs such as phone calls, photocopying, internet costs etc. We propose that the Chair receives \$500, Secretary \$500 and Treasurer \$300 to cover miscellaneous costs. This was voted on and passed.
4. Pet Expo - Karen updated us on this. We agreed to pay the \$100 entry/registration fee.

18. Heights Review Sub-Committee Update - Keri updated the committee on the heights sub-committee meeting from the Saturday. A number of scenarios have been developed and these will be communicated to the agility community through road shows and a report.

Meeting Closed at 3.20pm

Next meeting: 15th September 2012 **Venue:** Audio Conference