

Report of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee
November 24th 2012 9.30am
Soi Restaurant

Present: Cam List, Steve Chester, Paul Taylor, Kate Butler, Karen De Wit, Keri Neilson, Sue Willis, Lisa Duff and Peter Dunne (NZKC Secretary)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

2. Financial report

Paul T presented his financial report as of the 24th November. General account balance \$53,277.42 NDTA working account, \$2783.40, Equipment fund \$5,000. General holding account \$54,122.74. General NZDAC holding account, \$14,579.18. It was moved that payments be accepted. At the point in time we are still awaiting the Zone 4 NDTA accounts, they are due in over the next week.

The cost of web hosting and holding the domain name for NZDAC website was discussed and this will be followed up and explored further by Steve and Keri.

3. Correspondence

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

4. Regulations

1. Heights Review - Keri updated the committee on the scenarios that have been developed and refined by the Heights Review sub committee and after the meetings held around the country. We discussed the revised scenarios and the committee is happy for the document to be released. The document will be released to the agility community today for a week and then the survey will be opened up for two weeks to gather people's thoughts.
2. Number of Contacts in Courses – It was proposed that we regulate the number of contacts that are required in courses. i.e Novice minimum of 2 different contact obstacles, Intermediate 2-3 different obstacles, and Senior 3-4 different. At this stage Karen will put this idea out to the judges for discussion.
3. Changing Names of Dog Heights – It was proposed that we change the dog height names to tiny, small, medium and large. We discussed this and felt at this stage we need to wait until the heights review is complete before making any decisions.
4. Champ Clear Round Certificates - An email was received regarding Championship Show clear round certificates. A reminder will be sent to all club secretaries reminding them that the full NZKC Kennel name needs to be included on Championship certificates.

5. Competitions

1. Ribbon Trials – It was proposed conducting a survey around ribbons trials. We discussed this and shared some ideas around this. At this stage we will explore AD & ADX's at ribbon trials through survey monkey after the heights review has been completed.

6. Judges

1. Leave of Absence - Lisa Gatfield has applied for a leave of absence. This has been accepted.
2. Weave Clarification - Karen will clarify in her judges infoletter the correct protocol for judging the weaves as there are still some inconsistencies/confusions that remain amongst judges.
3. Panel Changes - Caroline Rain has applied to go on the Agility panel and Tarah Hunt has applied for the Senior panel. These will be subject to Executive approval. Cam List has also joined the mentor panel.
4. Judges Course Analysis Support - Karen updated the committee on the progress being made by this group.

7. Publicity/Communications

1. Grant Application Forms - We discussed the one application we have received from Rotorua. Lisa will re-email clubs and remind them that this is available to them.
2. Website updates - We have been receiving lots of positive feedback on the website developments.
3. How to Run a Show Booklet - Steve updated us on developments so far. We discussed this being placed on our website. Steve will continue to work on this. It was suggested that we develop this into a Wiki. Steve and Kate will work together to create this.
4. Dog World - Karen updated us on progress. The Dog World articles are being well received and we thank Karen for all her hard work on this.
5. Agility Ribbon Trial Subsidies - Paul updated us on the clubs that have applied. It is great to see clubs utilising this and supporting our ribbon trial judges.

8. Calendar

1. Norwest - An email was received regarding the allocation of calendar dates. We discussed this and it is a difficult issue. It was suggested that we write to all clubs and ask if they still want to retain all their allocated dates. We will also let clubs know what their minimum requirements in a year are. Lisa will check the current regulation and contact clubs in preparation for the draft 2014 calendar.
2. 2014 calendar - Cam has begun developing the draft version of this.

9. Disputes

Nothing to report at this time.

10. Health and Safety/Equipment

1. COF Progress - Sue updated us on the COF's. The weave proposal developed by Sue was clarified and will be forwarded out to all clubs for feedback. We aim to have the COF's implemented by April next year.
2. Dogs on Observation - Karen has approached Joanne Small and she is prepared to take on the role of coordinating the dogs on observation. We certainly appreciate her taking on this role.
3. Health and Safety Reports - Two health and safety reports were received. The relevant courses were analyzed, the judges spoken to and we believe that these were isolated incidents. We have logged the accidents and they will be recorded in our database
4. Tunnel Ends - A discussion was had about the middle tunnel huggers. These need to be padded as dogs run around the outside of tunnels. Karen will address this in her next judge's info newsletter and ask judges to be aware of this when checking their courses.
5. Carl Ranford Jump Design - Karl is intending to post a video of his design in use. It would be best to hold off promoting these jumps until the heights review is complete.

12. National Events

1. 2013 NZDAC - Karen provided us with updates regarding the NZDAC which will be held in Bulls.
2. NZDAC 2014 - An initial meeting has been organized to establish an organising committee.
3. NZDAC Date Change - An email was received recently regarding potentially changing NZDAC back to Easter Weekend. There was a survey completed two years ago that did not support this move. We discussed the possibility of re-surveying to see if the agility community are interested to see the date change. Cam will set up a survey for this once the heights survey has been completed. We will provide three options - first week of March, Easter weekend or Labour Weekend
4. Nationals 2013 - Will be in the form of a display.
5. Nationals 2014 Beyond - We discussed potential ideas for this.
6. Australian Competitors - An email was received indicating that there are a number of Australian competitors who have expressed interest in attending the 2014 NZDAC. They have requested that we do not use the cross over at the NZDAC as they do not have access to these in Australia. Once we receive official notification regarding their intention to attend the 2014 NZDAC we will explore this further.

13. Executive Council

1. Peter Dunne briefed the committee on his governance ideas and plans for the NZKC. The Executive Council are proposing to put forward a new plan that would include 2 Agility reps, 2 Obedience reps, 2 Breed reps and possibly 2 external reps, a President and the Director/Secretary. This proposal will go to the next ACOD.

14. Measuring

1. Measurers - Barbara Ward has applied to be a main measurer. Libby Ellery has also applied to be an assistant measurer.
2. Dogs under 200mm - Karen discussed what measurers would need to do if they meet a dog that is shorter than a measuring stick. A couple of ideas were discussed and Karen will address this with her measuring team.

17. YKC Matters

1. YKC Website - The YKC section of the Dog Agility website is out of date. Lisa will contact Libby Ellery and discuss ideas around this. We will suggest possibly a generic information page with links to their YKC website.

18. General Business

1. Schedules to the NZKC - We discussed with Peter that all schedules appear to all be mixed together now with the schedules being organised by their closing dates. We will email all clubs and let them know about this change.
2. TCQ for Jumpers A – An idea was discussed around qualifying awards in Jumpers A. We will roll this over and look at this after the heights review is complete.
3. Clear Round Milestone Award - An email was received regarding the wording of the regulations around the clear round milestone awards. Karen has updated the relevant regulations. We discussed the possibility of all certificates being checked by an official in the same way - .i.e an Agility Committee Member can check AGCH, Jumpers certificates etc and verify them for an agility handler in order to save sending all the certificates to the NZKC. This idea will be explored further.
4. Graduation in Jumpers at Ribbon Trials- Karen will update the regulation around graduating out of Jumpers B at ribbon trials.
5. Australian Judge - An email was received regarding inviting Peter Dynan (Australian Judge) to judge in New Zealand next year at the 2013 Blenheim and Taieri Shows in December. There is a protocol that does need to be followed in order for this to be approved. Peter would need to seek approval from his Executive and we would need official notification of this. The committee approve Peter Dynan to judge at the 2013 Blenheim & Taieri Show, subject to Executive approval and him also submitting his courses to the agility committee for analysis prior to sending them to the relevant clubs.
6. New Zealand Judge - Peter and Karen de Wit have been invited to judge the May 2013 ADAA Nationals in Australia. We approved Karen and Peter to head over to Australia to judge.
7. Novelty Classes at Champ Shows – It was raised that there is a regulation that prohibits the running of novelty classes at champ shows. Karen will update this regulation to allow this to happen.
8. Non Comp Runs - Kate raised the possibility of non competition runs at ribbon trials. The regulations do not allow for this but once the ribbon trial event is finished you could then hold a novelty.
9. Pet Expo Report - Karen provided an update to us. There was lots of interest and pamphlets handed out.
10. Standing Orders - Karen is updating these over the holiday break.

11. Dogs on the start line - Karen raised the judging of dogs that break their start line and are physically re-set. We discussed that this is a difficult area to regulate. We feel this is at the discretion of the judges. Karen will address this in her infoletter.
12. Best Club Competition - The entries were closely looked at and compared to the set criteria. There was a high standard of entries and it was difficult to pick just three winners. We were thrilled to select the following: 1st Managwhai \$500, 2nd CHB \$300, and 3rd Hawera \$200. Spot prizes of \$50 will be given to all other clubs. Karen will use the ideas submitted in her Dog World write-ups and on the website.

Meeting Closed at 3.40pm

Next meeting: 17th January 2013 **Venue:** Audio Conference