

Report of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee
March 1st 2013 4.00pm

Present: Karen de Wit, Cam List, Paul Taylor, Lisa Duff, Sue Willis, Keri Neilson and Steve Chester (joined at 4.41pm) Kate Butler (joined 6.14pm)

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 Taylor presented his financial report as of 01 March 2013. General account balance \$123,457.14 NZDAC holding account \$33,234.56. Equipment Grant \$5,000. Paul presented the 2013/14 budget which was accepted.

3. Correspondence

It was moved that the inwards be received and the outwards be approved.

4. Regulations

1. **Heights Review** - Keri shared with the committee the recommendations that are nearly ready to be sent out to the agility community for consultation. We discussed further the metres per second that could potentially be set for the standard agility classes when setting the recommended standard course times and qualifying rates of travel. We discussed further the subsidies that we intend to offer to clubs to upgrade their jumps. It is proposed that the regulation changes take effect from 1st July and each club will have 6 months to bring their hurdles up to the new requirements. We discussed removing the requirement for dogs with 25 clear rounds to progress to Jumpers B. We will consider dogs that have progressed up to Jumpers B, with 25 clear rounds who would better suited in Jumpers C on a need by need basis. We also discussed raising the number of challenges need for Jumpers Champion to 8, with two wins required. This document will be forwarded to the agility community tonight for consultation. Submissions will be open until 15th March 2013. Karen will begin drafting regulations in preparation for when submissions close and we reach our final decisions.
2. **Guidelines** - It was suggested that we make references to the guidelines/policies in the relevant parts of the regulations. It would be useful to have these all compiled in one central place so that they are easily located. Karen will look through the regulations and locate where the relevant guidelines/policies can be referenced.

3. Catalogues - It was raised the need to address with clubs the requirements for what needs to be contained in a show catalogue. Steve will factor this in to his 'How to Run a Show' wiki.

4. Re-runs - Concerns were raised around regulation relating to re-runs. The current regulation requires the re-run to happen immediately or at the end of the class. It was discussed and suggested that we remove the requirement for this to occur immediately or at the end of a class and word that it is at the discretion of the judge. This change was approved.

5. Judges

1. Guidelines for Clubs - This was approved for publishing.

2. Mentor Panel - Nick Chester has been accepted on the mentor judges panel.

3. Measuring the Course - A discussion was had around accurately measuring the course. A trial was kindly conducted for us that explored the measuring process. It was proposed that we revise the measuring of the course regulation as part of the heights review. This will be sent out for consultation with the rest of heights review findings.

4. Judges Probationaries - We discussed the need for judging probationaries to be advertised in advance as per the regulations. This has not happened on a few recent occasions and these judging appointments can not be accepted when considering a panel progression.

5. Number of contacts in courses - An email was received regarding the number of contacts in a course. We sourced feedback from judges and the responses varied. Half of the judges felt that Novice should have 1-2 contact obstacles, Intermediate 2-3 contact obstacles, Senior 3-4 contact obstacles. Judges did feedback that they wanted the right to be able to make their own decisions around this. In light of this we will leave the consultation there.

6. Olwyn Johnston - Trainee judges panel application received and accepted.

6. Competitions

1. International Sub Committee - The document forwarded by the sub committee is currently being reviewed and will be forwarded back to them with our recommendations.

7. Publicity/Clubs

1. How to run a show wiki - Steve & Kate continue to work on this. Steve will approach the members of the agility community to help contribute to to this document.

8. Communications

1. Website - Continues to progress along nicely. _

8. Calendar - 2014

1. **2014** - Cam has begun developing this and Lisa will work with him to get this out to clubs. We discussed the increasing AD and ADX allocations for 8 per zone per year. It was proposed that we increase the AD and ADX allocations to 8 effective from the 1st July for the 2014 calendar. This was accepted.

9. Health and Safety

1. **Aggressive Dogs** - Joanne Small has kindly taken over this role.

10. Equipment

11. National Events

NZDAC Update - Karen updated the committee on developments including the judges that have been contracted. They are: Alan Rohde, Bernadette Thompson, Beth Oliver, Dannie Gotlib, Dyson Beasley, Keri Neilson, Lyn Sayers and Teresa Ford. The committee endorsed the judges.

12. Executive Council

1. **Nomination** - We received another nomination for a certificate of appreciation. It was suggested that we develop a selection criteria that could be used when considering these applications. This will be held over for the new committee.

13. Measuring

1. **Main Measurer Application** - Ann Kenny and Barbara Ward have both been accepted as main measurers.
2. **Measuring** - Karen will update the procedure to include any dog that lives in the measurers household.
3. **Dog Measuring**- We discussed if there is a significant difference (10mm) between the interim and permanent measure of a dog then a third measurer will be involved. Karen will develop and present some ideas around a guideline for this.

13. General Business

1. **Using our website** - It was raised that we ask clubs to submit their catalogues and results. At this stage we will monitor this.

2. **Speed at agility events** - It was discussed the need to ask clubs to remind competitors to reduce their speed in and out of shows.
3. **Snooker Regulations** - Karen will update the snooker regulations.
4. **Nationals 2014** - Cam updated us on the venue and plans for the National Dog Show.
5. **JD/JDX Certificates** - Karen will update the regulations to allow the AC members to sign these off.

Meeting Closed at 7.16pm