

Report on Minutes - Agility Committee Meeting - 7 Nov 2015

At Conference centre, Wellington airport

Apologies - Diana

Previous minutes – error – Bevan shown as present. Trophy approved expenditure up to \$250. Confirmed Steve, Roy

Matters arising – Query from Bevan as to what recycled plastic agility gear was – used at dog park in Napier. Possibly other clubs might like to suggest to councils.

Correspondence

Measurer application – Sue Whifield – approved application.

Chris Richardson going up to senior –discussed.

Discussion of possible review of judges – a trial program where judges submitted courses to a course design process.

Spread jump – possibly adjust size wing allowed on spread jump so leg doesn't stick out past the wing. To be looked at by Steve & Glen.

Discussion on how to deal with Correspondence to committee more effectively.

Roy to contact Selwyn re Ribbon trial split class.

Financial Matters

Discussion on how to deal with finances more effectively.

Robyn nominated Karen as treasurer, Steve seconded. Passed unanimously.

Accounts to be paid:- Airfares Karen, Interzone shirts, Shield repairs, Conference centre, Subsidies – seminars & ART, Meeting fees, Accommodation for Dunedin committee members, Promotional grants – to be paid once we get the reports.

General business

Reports

Executive council – Roy. Date of NZDAC. Decided to do a Survey - Karen to action.

ACOC voting for council need info out in plenty of time so can be informed. Plan to heavily publicize it end of this year, early next year. It was a major change that will be improved upon.

Area Reports

Wayne – no current outstanding issues

Roy – fine

Karen – still some COF's to be finished. DAWG & Upper Hutt training ground issues.

Robyn- COF's finished but not recorded. Feilding needs to run a ribbon trial.

Steve – Tokoroa- Steve to ask them for a report on how it works to have different judges for different heights in a class.

Glen – fine. Huntly AD further in meeting

Diana – not present.

NZDAC

Letter of thanks to go to Tokoroa for NZDAC (written by Bevan). Thanking all zone 2 clubs.

NZDAC committee to provide assistance for future committees by giving us an honest appraisal of what went well and what caused problems. Kirsten & Allan (zone 1) to be asked to be a mentor for 2017 committee. Ask Tokoroa (Marie) to consider doing the same for future NZDAC.

Some ideas discussed re improvements. High display multiple call boards for rings needed for rings. No space on call sheets to move people – needed. South Island idea - collection area of about 6 m deep, divided into two, back section multiple dogs in the lineup, next dog in ring in the front area with space to play. Also passed worker to give number. Committee needs to delegate tasks out so small committee isn't doing everything. AC to give a small gift to chief organisers – do at NZDAC. NZDAC committee to go out for a small dinner as final conclusion to NZDAC. Clubs to be responsible for a ring, but it doesn't mean that they have to do all the work. Small clubs need to ask for help. Should look at pairing small clubs together. Website not planned properly – next year needs planning now. Committee wouldn't have realised how much planning is required.

Tokoroa impressed with – toilets always clean, with toilet paper. Rubbish bins never overflowing, but bins late arriving. Good attitude of maintenance people, drove slowly, unlike some competitors.

Watch out for loose grass? Need to clear loose grass from outside rings as well as it gets tracked into the rings. Extra mowing needs to be built into the rental contract.

Needs good communication with judges – where to get food etc. Perhaps a letter in judges' pack with info. Need judges' liaison person. Remind organisers that different judges can be used on different heights.

Clarifying running orders for finals so rank in heights, not whole class.

NZDAC should follow the rules.

Interzone teams – no display board so you couldn't follow the results. Also running order needs to be clear as there was some confusion. Venue had a large electronic display board that wasn't used. Lacked atmosphere.

Prize giving was not with the Eukanuba display, but to the side. Sponsors need to be clear what they wanted and communicate with organisers. Communication must happen in a timely fashion. Peter Dunn is following some of this up with negotiations for next NZKC sponsorship. Missing Zone 1 mascot – was with obedience

Peter Dunne re possible filming at NZDAC – costs approx. \$9,000 to pay for a TV crew to film at NZDAC. However, too late to action.

Look at pricing to replace mascots.

Discussion about survey wording about possible change to time of year dates.

2016 Rakaia

Have sent proposed schedule of what they are going to provide, flygility, AD, ADX, 3 x J, 3 x A, COC, Gamblers A, B, C. Considering Woodend entries to give estimated times. Could put up more rings if needed.

Budget using predictions of entries \$25,000. Expenditure details limited at this stage. Venue \$1,000. Budget is fluid and will need updating regularly. Roy to discuss with Meredith. Have other income sources in mind. Have sent a list of judges they plan to approach. Discussion of flygility and demands on the dogs. GST planning needed. Accept planning Steve/Roy

Host zones need to put proposal of venue to AC two years out.

NZDAC 2017 – Bevan has this in hand, looking at a few venues.

Do we want to plan for a qualifying event (like old NAC) for NZDAC? Maybe for Nationals? Might get some financing from NZKC for event at NDS. Talk to Peter Dunne re support.

National Dog Show (NDS) 2016 in Chch at RDA. Delegated to Susan Tansey & Lisa Duff. Proposing various entertaining dog sport events – displays, cross country, etc. Involved but not doing a full show. AC to ask Susan & Lisa to carry on along these lines. Because the NDS is so close to NZDAC we don't feel that we can commit to another event at that time.

Equipment COF

Cambridge want to put metal at bottom of dog walk ramps so they can peg them to ground to reduce flex. Club to show design to Equipment subcommittee (Steve, Glen), approved provided steel plates and pegs do not create a hazard.

Details of completed COF's have been slow coming through. Go back to all our clubs and congratulate the completed clubs, and ask the other clubs to chase up their inspectors. It is a clubs' responsibility to keep its gear up to scratch. Discussion on systems to improve the process. Decided to do a formal COF every 5 years, but the COF assessors can get equipment pulled at a competition if not safe.

Proposal: That the zone holding the NZDAC get the gear formally COF'd that year. Start COF's after previous NZDAC. All gear must be maintained to the prescribed standard at all times. All new gear must be COF'd before used in competition. Karen/Steve Unanimously carried.

Gear that doesn't pass COF, club to provide a timeline of when the problems will be remedied. Culture of safety first with equipment

Judging

Request by judge to go onto senior panel earlier than two years. Not approved. Roy to inform the judge.

John Muir – retirement at end of the year. Discussion of possible present, acknowledgement of his service to the agility community. Roy and Bevan to consult on possible present.

Still to do Judging 20 years sets of glasses. Roy to check with Nick Chester for people who still have glasses due.

Paper/online courses – No copies of a course (paper or online) are to be before available the commencement of walking the course. If online courses are available sufficient paper copies must also be provided. Steve/Roy – passed

Discussion – if a competitor (who is not a show official) is seen to be in possession of the course what are the consequences? Roy to check with Exec for behaviour unbecoming of criteria. Discussion of people on later in the running order being able practice

Discussion of Club with AD scheduling problem. Bevan to contact the Club. Move AD to a nearby club.

AD Classes. Proposal: AD & ADX Adv. Allow entries on the day at any AD/ADX Adv event, at the club's discretion. (Both RT & champ shows). Need to make change to Regs. Steve/Robyn Passed

ADX Adv revision carried forward to next meeting? Committee to review them. Using a 30 x 30 grid so suitable for either long or short side ring.

Elementary –Reconsider whole elementary judging – use of mentors etc. A senior judge may approve a change to an approved elementary course to be judged by a non judge if conditions require it. (Regulation change) Karen/Robyn to look at revising elementary courses.

Measuring – application to remeasure a dog. Declined as committee did not feel there were enough grounds to approve it. Diana to contact.

Akarana have an exemption from much earlier AC to have adjusted ring size as they don't have enough room for full standard ring.

Standing Orders

Discussion of summary of responses.

Checking scribe sheet section – up to club discretion

Double ART should have two elementaries.

Feedback

- As Elementary classes are deemed to be at Ribbon Trial level, Agility Regulation 11.3.4 applies - Prizes must be ribbons, rosettes or cards only.
- As Elementary classes are deemed to be at Ribbon Trial level, the closing date (and therefore eligibility date) is always “on the day”, whether or not pre-entries are taken.

Change wording for walking the course from ‘should not’ to ‘are not allowed to’ walk out.

Calendar – draft out earlier than August if possible.

Put restriction of number of jumpers classes in relation to standard classes in Regs or standing orders.

Team selection – regulate more details eg a person top qualifier in two classes. Discussion

Under what conditions can the dog that wins the trial be withdrawn – injury or illness (vet/medical certificate).

Zones have to produce a financial statement and report for the team trials. Some zones have completed this.

Judges need to insist on holding areas.

All dogs should be on lead or under control around ring area unless doing warmups

Split standing orders up into areas/policies/procedures, conventions & guidelines.

Possibly split regs into rules – governance stuff, regulations eg jump details etc, standing orders, measuring guidelines etc.

AC needs to emphasise that guidelines need to be followed. Rules & Regs must be followed, guidelines should be followed??

Karen to revise, review and send back to AC.

All submitters need response. Thank you for your submission and we will be presenting a revised version shortly.

Karen will be responding to submitters.

Variable splits proposal. Roy provided a summary document.

DAWG equipment grant – granted \$2000.

Decision making process – was discussed.

Strategic Planning Process- Was discussed at end of meeting.

Next committee meeting 10 January 2016

Closed 4.50 pm