

Report of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee
Soi Restaurant Wellington
September 18th 2010 9.45 am

Present: Lyn Sayers, Paul Taylor, Dyson Beasley, Paul Remon, Vickie Byford, Cam List, Ron Frater and Lisa Duff

Apologies:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising from previous minutes, not reported elsewhere:

None

3. Financial report

1. Paul T presented his financial report. A six monthly statement was presented.

It was moved that the payments be approved and the financial report be received.

4. Correspondence

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

5. Regulations

1. Regulation Index – ongoing

2. Regulation Changes – The committee was updated regarding new regulation changes that have been approved by the executive.

3. SCT for Standard Classes – Discussion regarding setting standard course times. A SCT report was presented and discussed. The newly formed sub-committee will work together and establish some possible SCT's and then liaise with agility judges for feedback.

4. SCT's in Senior - An email was received regarding the SCT's set at a recent champ show in the senior classes. The matter was fully discussed and SCT's are a matter currently being explored.

4. Weave Poles – An email was received regarding having a minimum of six weave poles instead of eight. This regulation will be changed to allow this to happen.

5. Ribbon Trial Organisation – Emails were received regarding difficulties some clubs have faced with ribbon trial entry organisation due to the splits. A discussion was had around possible solutions. A number of ideas were discussed and will be explored by the newly formed Ribbon

Trial entries subcommittee.

6. Height Exemptions – An email was received suggesting a possible way to clarify dogs that have been granted an exemption to jump in a higher height class. A discussion was had and it was decided upon to record on the current height certificate that they had received AC height exemption. It will be recorded on the back of the certificate “Dog approved to compete in approved height class.” The certificate will be signed by two executives of the committee.

7. Measuring Effect of Height Changes – An email was received requesting some information regarding the impact of height changes to the sport. A discussion was had around the review process and the data that will be collected.

8. YKC Regulation Changes – Regulation changes were presented for the Young Kennel Club. These have been forwarded to the YKC Committee for feedback.

9. Long Jump Regulation Wording – An email was received regarding the wording of the long jump regulations. The committee discussed the possibility of adjusting the wording but decided to leave the wording as it is at present.

10. Faulting the Hoop Proposal – An email was received regarding a proposal based on the regulation of faulting the displacement of the hoop. A survey will be created with the aim of seeking feedback from the judges in regards to the faulting of the hoop before any further decisions are made.

7. Competitions

1. AD and ADX Forms - ongoing

2. Trans-Tasman Challenge – An email was received from an Australian competitor regarding the possibility of a Trans-Tasman Challenge in 2011. Discussion regarding this and a sub-committee consisting of Reg Dwyer, Peter Dynan (Australia), Fiona Hodgson and Lyn Sayers will be formed to look into the possible organization of a the Trans-Tasman Challenge.

3. NAC Heats and Finals – Discussion around the National Agility Championships. At this point in time the Agility Committee felt it was not feasible to run this event alongside two National events.

4. NDTA Team Trials Format – Discussion around team trials and regulating the trials to standardise the system implemented throughout the country. It was proposed that all zones hold a trials weekend and the trials are standardised across the five zones. A discussion document will be composed in conjunction with the NDTA discussion document to consult all zones.

8. Judges

1. Judges Sub Committee – Subcommittee report was presented. Paul Remon will take over the responsibility of judges.

2. Harsh Handling – Some emails and discussions regarding regarding harsh handling in the ring were forwarded to the committee.

3. Judges Panel Applications: Discussion around current applications. Paul will make contact with the concerned judges.

4. Agility Judges Meeting: An email was received summarising the main points discussed at the judges meeting held in Christchurch on the 12th September.

10. Communications

1. Communications Sub Committee – The communications subcommittee report was presented. It was suggested that we explore options and ideas for what the agility community wants to have featured in this magazine. Lisa will take over the Dog World magazine feature and explore setting up a subcommittee of agility community members.

2. Introduction to Agility DVD – The committee will liaise and organise some video links to the New Zealand Dog Agility website. This along with the introduction to agility page will provide plenty of information to people interested in starting agility. We will send club secretaries info about this website link and flyers will be sent to each club to hand out to people who are interested in joining/starting agility.

3. NDTA Website – The NDTA website will be moved to the NDTA 2011 organising committee once the NDTA is over. Each year the domain name fee and maintenance fees will be covered by the current NDTA organising committee. This will save each new committee creating a new NDTA website from scratch.

11. Clubs

1. “How to Run a Show” booklet – ongoing

12. Calendar

1. 2011 Calendar – completed

2. 2012 Calendar – has been started

13. Disputes

1. Fiona Hodgson will administer any complaints in regards to dog incidents at events.

14. Equipment

1. Hurdle Pole Weights – A report was presented on the weight of hurdle poles. It was proposed that we regulate at some future date that hurdle poles should be weighted at approx 450gms per metre.

2. Standards for New Equipment – Progress was shared regarding the new standards of new equipment. These new standards will be forwarded to the agility equipment manufacturers and judges to seek their feedback.

3. Spread Jump Design – The newly designed spread jump was presented to the committee. It was proposed that we should adopt this piece of new agility equipment and it is to be named the Multi-

bar Spread.

4. Measurers – It was agreed to approve Keri Neilson as an official measurer.

15. National Events

1. 2010 National Dog Show – An update was provided.

2. 2010 NDTA - An update was provided.

3. 2011 NDTA – An update was provided.

4. 2012 NDTA – Kirstin Graves and Allan Rohde have offered to chair the 2012 NDTA.

5. NDTA Survey – Survey results presented and discussed. Due to the poor response to the survey the committee purpose to re-send out the survey using survey monkey and collect further responses before making any decisions about the format of future NDTA's.

6. World Agility Open Championships – An email was received from Greg Derrett regarding the World Agility Championships in England in May 2011. At this stage in time the committee did not feel that it would be possible to organise a team to attend, but will seek expressions of interest from the agility community.

16. NZKC Executive

1. Report presented. Executive approval has been granted for the New Zealand Agility Committee to be set up as an incorporated society. The responsibility has been sub-contracted out and we will liaise with the sub-contractor to complete the documentation.

17. Obedience Matters

1. Nothing to report.

18. Young Kennel Club

1. YKC Official Camp Report – YKC report was presented.

2. YKC Agility Handler of the Year – The format and organisation of the YKC Handler of the year event was presented to the committee. Event will compromise of heats and a final that will be at the Nationals in 2011.

19. General Business

1. Show Organisaion – An email was received regarding the lack of organisation at a recent show.

2. Incident at Show – An email was received from an agility competitor regarding an incident with competitor at a recent show.

3. Incident at Show - An incident involving a dog eating a plastic bag at a show was reported.
4. Dog Measuring – An email was received regarding height issues.
5. Results Entry – A discussion was had regarding using the online entry system to allow clubs to get individual members to submit individual results, which could then be collated for end of year results/prize-giving. The system will be trialed and feedback will be provided to the committee.
6. Agility Records – The Agility Committee have purchased a database of historical agility records.

Meeting Closed at 4.25pm
Next meeting: 13th November 2010, Soi Restaurant Wellington

