

Minutes

Wellington Airport, Wellington, 7 January 2017, 9.45am

In attendance: Robyn Fargher, Claire Smith, Diana Gausden, Karen de Wit, Wayne Grant, Bevan Dale, Glenn Hancock, Steve Chester

Apologies: None

Confirmation of Minutes:

Wayne moved that the minutes be approved. Claire seconded. Carried.

Matters Arising:

- Zone 1 CoF – advertise to clubs the need to get gear CoF'd in 2017 and organise local inspectors – Glenn, Bevan, Steve.
- Karen and Sharon Simonsen remeasured P Lander's dog which will remain a maxi.

Correspondence:

- Mike Butler; Resignation from Judges Panel; 13/11/16 – propose voucher or contribution to Mike's Hike - Karen
- Cam List; Grant/Subsidy for YKC Agility Instructors; 21/11/16 – agreed to pay \$1,000.
- Sharon Heighway; Enquiry about Measurement Q271; 8/12/16 – no sufficient criteria to remeasure.

Robyn seconded the receipt of the correspondence.

Financial Report:

Karen presented the financial report for December.

AC to pay the WAG Sunday levies

NZDAC 16 made a small profit.

Robyn moved that the report be approved and payments accepted. Steve seconded. Carried.

Area Reports:

Zone 5 – Nothing report. Still to contact the Queenstown and Wanaka clubs.

Zone 4 – Blenheim refunds – no requests so far. Nice to see positive comments about the donation made to Wellington SPCA.

Zone 3 – Whanganui club will be holding their show.

Feilding twilight show – Steve proposed that clubs must hold one ribbon trial at the weekend. The agility committee's interpretation is that the Regulations are written with the intent that events are held at the weekend. Any exemptions to this must be approved by the Agility Committee on an annual basis. Diana seconded. Five in favour, Karen and Claire against – carried.

Zone 2 – Hawkes Bay Ob Show moved to prevent clash with agility.

Zone 1 – ACAC worryingly close to folding; **Bevan** encouraging them to talk to Akarana. Could there be a possible amalgamation?

Executive Report:

Been quiet over the Christmas period. Agreed to perform a small demo at the National Dog Show. NZKC rebranding going ahead; waiting on trademark approval.

NZDAC:

Shower block booked. Draft budget is out.

NZDAC18 – Facebook group started up again. Two options –on grass or run indoors at Manfeild. Concerns were raised on the requirement of main sponsor, Masterpet, excluding other stallholders at the NZDAC. Does the AC search for its own sponsor? AC agreed in principle to underwrite the cost of an indoor venue for Zone 3's NZDAC conditional upon more detail.

Equipment/CoF/Grants:

- Training sessions planned for Zone 1 CoF.
- Tauranga – training subsidy
- CHB – Jumps
- North Otago – Tunnels and weave
- Whangarei – Timers
- Upper Hutt – A Frame
- Waimakariri Ribbon Trial
- Promotional grants to Mangawhai, Waimakariri and Feilding

Judges:

- Gregg Derritt/Lee Gibson have created a judges' training seminar. NZKCAC are keen to arrange a seminar in New Zealand with web streaming to main centres.
- Chris Moody to Senior panel.
- Marie MacDonald onto the Champ panel.
- Wayne Grant to Champ panel – **Wayne** to chase up probationary reports.
- A course set at Mangawhai questionable. **Karen** to contact judge regarding preapproval of courses.
- Australian judge's courses to be sent to **Karen and Steve**.
- Judges to be reminded that courses need to be sent into the club in advance of the shows, in order to assist the club with preparation.
- Bevan asked the AC to consider how to encourage new people to consider becoming judges. Shoulder tapping, encouragement and helping with confidence, new Facebook group for junior judges, incentive with training seminars.

SuperChamps:

- **Diana** proposed to offer a certificate for those dogs achieving over 100 challenges similar to NZKC generated AD/ADX certificates. Steve seconded. **Bevan** proposed a Hall of Fame to go onto the website. A first inductee has been nominated.

Regulations:

- ACOD notification of changing regulations - including proposal to run rolling elections with half the Committee up for renewal each year, changing holding AC meetings only in Wellington and voting for Chair. **Steve**
- 1 January 2017 Regulation changes - up contacts on A frame; stepping over equipment; starts; collapsible tunnel 5m before and after; weave consistency in Elementary; running orders for mini/micros and changing of running order; back jumps, entry fee refunds, run-offs and reruns all to be passed as written.
- Pegging wing jumps - it is strongly recommended that pegs not be used to stabilising wing jumps. The AC will be educating the community in the safe practices on stabilising wings. To go into the Judges' Standing Orders and on the front page of the website. **Karen**.
- AC members to receive free NZKC membership, discussed.
- Growth in the sport – **Diana** to determine new memberships versus new dogs.
- Elementary courses – Robyn has tweaked them to allow for the 5m before and after the collapsible tunnel. **Robyn** would like to make a few extra changes.
- AD/ADX – 10 and 11 need looking at in regard to the 5m rule. **Karen**.

International Trainer:

- A member of the agility community proposed bringing Tracey Eskenar over for a seminar. Karen suggest that AC could underwrite these seminars to the value of \$5,000. Venues in both islands in January 2018. More information required.

Trainers at Clubs:

- Some clubs are good at requesting grants for trainers to come in weekly. Lack of trainers an issue in a lot of clubs, particularly for more senior handlers.
- What is the incentive to keep senior handlers in clubs?
- Are all competitors financial members of clubs – should they belong to agility clubs rather than breed clubs?
- What about seminars arranged by the AC for those that have instructed recently at club level?

Meeting concluded at 3:00pm

Skype meeting: 14 March at 7:30pm