



Minutes

Wellington Airport, Wellington, 1 May 2016, 9.30am

In attendance: Bevan Dale, Wayne Grant, Karen de Wit, Robyn Fargher, Roy Thorndycraft, Steve Chester, Diana McKay, Glenn Hancock

Also present: Peter Dunne, Geoff Collins.

Survey on NZDAC Dates: The overwhelming result from the members was to retain Labour weekend.

Calendar: Draft 2017 calendar ready to go out to clubs. To be distributed and request feedback within four weeks.

Dogs on Report: One dog on report with Colleen Begg at NZKC managing the process and Lisa Duff will mentor.

NZKC Major Events Strategy:

Peter Dunne spoke to the meeting about the strategy. Questions posed were what does agility want from their national event, dates for the event and querying the location of events in small towns.

Labour Weekend was the preferred option due to the availability of grounds and weather conditions. Bevan to write to the Strategic Council about the feelings of the Agility Committee regarding the National Dog Show.

Rebranding concept was shared.

Matters Arising:

Add the reports as separate files to the minutes on the website.

Correspondence:

Sue Willis; Jumpers Pairs– as part of the ongoing judge's training, Games rules will be reiterated.

Two incidents of poor behavior by competitors was discussed. It was resolved to write to both, expressing disappointment at the reported behaviour. (Diana)

Amanda Benson; AD Course 10;– Karen to redraft the course and reply to Amanda.

Wayne Turner, The Turner Way Collapsible tunnels;– Agree to the exemption, need completion date.

Rebecca Roper; Judges list;– send to Peter.

Penny Nalder, Event manager at Kapiti DTC; Incident report;– send info to Penny regarding the process that is being followed.



Financial Report:

Karen presented the financial report.

NZDAC Zone accounts – offered as an option for the five zones. Proposed to give Zone 4 their NZDAC \$5,000 seed fund.

Electronic Banking:

encourage the clubs to use electronic banking to pay their levies.

Roy mentioned that the Executive Committee passed a 10% surcharge to breed clubs for late levies. Roy proposed we incorporate this surcharge to agility events. Bevan moved that this be accepted. Carried.

Report approved and payments accepted.

Area Reports:

Robyn asked Feilding for ribbon trial event dates and received two Thursday dates. Proposed to tell Feilding that if they wish to hold a Thursday evening ribbon trial, they must also hold a second one on the weekend.

Karen reported that her local clubs had lost some of their more senior members and that the clubs in that area might struggle with member numbers.

NZDAC 2016:

Change of Chairperson. Advert due to go out in May Dog World with full schedule in June/July. Updated budget sent to Karen. Judge's Liaison person appointed.

NZDAC 2017:

Bevan would like to see the reinstatement of the passing of the Log o' Wood.

Equipments/CoF/Grants:

Steve proposed to draw a line under the current CoF administration and to run to Zone CoFs in line with the current year's DAC.

Steve proposed a tick sheet of CoF issues for judges to fill in if they felt a piece of equipment didn't meet the standards. Steve to produce a draft Stickers to prove pass of CoF to be followed up. Steve

Horowhenua approved \$650 for a new tunnel.

Akarana approved \$1,250 for new dogwalk and AFrame

Wing Jumps/Crossover – Required Equipment List/Exclusion of Equipment by Clubs:

Clubs to be reminded that wings which are a required piece of equipment.

Another instance where a club stated a crossover wasn't available for use.

Letter to go out to all clubs to remind them what equipment was required.

Weave Pole Inconsistency: Glenn commented on the differing sizes of weave poles available. Steve and Glenn to clarify the Regulations regarding equipment. Draft standard to be presented for consultation.



Regulations: Agreed to the following

- new Regulation to reflect current refund practice:
- Split Judging – “the judge cannot run a dog in a class that they have judged a height in”.
- rerun regulation additions.
- Changes to judging regulations to make it easier for new judges to start.
- AD/ADX entries allowed on the day and into an electronic programme -
- Allowing changes to be made to an Elementary course by a Senior Judge.
- Changes to certificate of fitness, creating a firm time line for COFs to occur
- Graduation in Jumpers classes –
- Allow changes to Jumpers Pairs entries
- Eligibility for Games Grade B and C – consider removing the transition rule.
- Games rate of travel –
- Negotiating Obstacles in the gamble area
- Penalties for negotiating more than one obstacle in the gamble area during PAP –
- Combination Obstacles –
- Blackjack –

These are ready to go to ACOD.

Other possible regulation changes to be further consulted on:

- Proposal to not judge the up contact on the A Frame
- Stepping over equipment –.
- Backside approaches – a wing jump must be used.
- Judges indicating starts –
- Defining the “starting point” of dog/handler.
- Weave penalties .

Changing the Election Date/Graduation: proposal was presented.

Election process starts 1 September, nominations close two weeks later.

Voting 1 October. Handover meeting end October and new electives start on 1 January.

Proposed to have four nominations each year with half committee elected every year.

August Dog World to register voters.

Four electives for two years, four electives for one year (lowest polling). No election – drawn lots.

Reconsider the location of the meetings in Wellington - Regulation 3.1.8

Elected Chair.

Ste ve to write up before it goes out to consultation.

ACOD:

Roy, Robyn, Bevan and Steve as ACOD delegates

AC meeting on Sunday.



General Business.

1. Suitable Placement of Turns/Course Difficulty Levels:

Robyn mentioned seeing courses that were set higher than the level intended. Judge's newsletter to be sent out.

2. Ideas about ways to encourage judges to continue improving their course designs.
3. Incentives for new judges.
4. Access to Data: More information required.
5. Aggressive Dogs:

Robyn outlined two instances where dogs were involved in altercations.

Bevan mentioned that the Regs currently allow for dogs to be reported to the Show Management.

6. Animal Welfare Act:

Bevan to chase to get the interpretation from the lawyers about the Act.

7. Handler Interference with Timers:

Go back to the judges on the position of the last obstacle and the timers.

Steve left the meeting

8. Jump Spacing/Sends Behind Jumps:

Glenn mentioned some difficulties dogs were experiencing in decelerating at great speed in some courses. Others mentioned the high number of "go-rounds" in a course. Roy to mention the concerns in the Judges' Newsletter.

Meeting concluded at 5:50pm