

**SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Monday 30 August 2021**

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Carolyn Pearen advised of a conflict of interest regarding an agenda item relating to a litter registration. There were no other declarations of conflicts of interest.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 19 July 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 19 July 2021 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of previous Minutes - 28 June 2021

Resolved that the Summary of Minutes for 28 June 2021, as amended, be accepted and published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Action Items

Action Items

The Action Items were noted, including updates provided and items completed, with the revised Action Items attached to these Minutes.

Directors noted the update for Blue Cards, with all Directors and Junior Handlers Judges required to hold Blue Cards. It was agreed correspondence be forwarded to all Junior Handlers Judges advising they would be precluded from events until Blue Cards were obtained, with the matter also to be published in Pawprints.

Ongoing Matters

New Date and Arrangements for PST Meeting

Directors agreed the new date and arrangements for the PST Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 7.00pm.

New Date and Arrangements for ADSS

The Directors discussed and agreed the new date and arrangements for the ADSS were 18 and 19 December 2021. The Chair noted a positive from the COVID situation had been the ability of Dogs Queensland to quickly adapt to changes.

Patron of Dogs Queensland

Directors discussed noting a pedigree dog interest was required, with the General Manager requested to investigate whether there was a Paralympian who may be interested.

Breeders' Code of Conduct & Education, Inspection & Welfare Liaison Officer

The Chair noted the information in the Board papers and ongoing work by the General Manager and Patrice Johansen on office functions, with the suggestion the Liaison Officer role could be considered here. The General Manager commented on the improved relationship with the RSPCA. The Chair noted the Channel 9 news story on Sunday night regarding puppy scams and an interview with Michael Beatty commenting on only buying puppies from the RSPCA. Apparently the full interview on the Channel 9 website included references to Dogs Queensland along with RSPCA. Dogs Queensland are working with David Margan on preparing an information piece on puppy scams to be issued under the Dogs Queensland name. Connections within the Attorney General's Office, which has responsibility for the Office of Fair Trading, would be contacted to advise of the work by Dogs Queensland in this area.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – July 2021

Noted the Financial Report and positive results. A draft budget would be prepared for Board consideration.

Financial Summary – 31 July 2021 – noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending 27 August 2021 – noted.

Communications Board Report – July-August 2021 – noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Breeder's Terms Contracts

The Chair advised this matter had been placed on the ANKC October meeting agenda for consideration. Noted the paper provided, with discussion following on Breeder's Terms Contracts, noting the ownership of the dog remains in the Breeders name and is able to be used for breeding and exhibition purposes even though the dog had been purchased by someone else. This practice was considered to be unacceptable, with a suitable alternative being a co-ownership or partnership arrangement.

Directors agreed there was a need to remove the current Dogs Queensland rule allowing Breeder's Terms Contracts, as well as supporting the matter being raised for consideration at the ANKC meeting in October 2021.

Discussion continued on:

- The Chair's message being issued on 31 August 2021 to include the concerns expressed by the Board on Breeder's Terms Contracts.
- Implementing effective communication on the issue to members and the public to highlight the negative practices and the view a co-ownership or partnership agreement was a suitable alternate means to allow the breeder to have continuing access to the dog. Details provided could include information relating to where on the Dogs Queensland website the Breeders List was located and also display what a registration paper looked like to raise awareness and educate people.
- This area had been a growing industry with the suggestion a survey/consultation process be undertaken over the next month, with feedback to be considered at the September 2021 Board meeting. If the Board decided to implement the rule change, it would come into effect for all puppies born after 1 January 2022.

Board Members/Committee Members Exhibiting Under Each Other

It was suggested the policy that Board members could not show dogs under each other should also apply to all Committee members. Discussion followed on the impact of Covid on the number of available judges as well as smaller shows vs larger shows, possibly suspending the policy for the next 12 months due to the uncertain situation and perception issues around challenging the integrity of judges. It was again noted this was currently a policy, not a rule. Directors also discussed stewarding and the incorrect belief the Board nominates people to join, noting EOI's should be issued for judges. The views expressed were noted with the next steps to be considered further.

No Double Handling at Endurance Events

Noted the matter was not addressed in the Rules, with the suggested change being only one nominated handler would be permitted to be in contact with a dog at any time (with one reserve as backup). Directors agreed Rule changes on implementing no double handling at Endurance events with the matter be referred to the Rules and Constitution Committee for consideration.

Policy re Breaches Hearing

Discussion held on the information provided and the process proposed. Directors agreed to accept the proposed policy regarding Breaches Hearings.

ANKC Matters

ANKC – New Draft Description on Early Age Desexing - noted.

ANKC – Expression of Interest to hold CACIB Shows

Noted and discussed, with EOI's to hold CACIB Shows to be sought from Clubs.

Electronic Motion #194 – Regulations Part 13: Regulations for Conduct of National Breed Councils Amendment - noted.

ANKC – Dogs Australia launch

Noted the presentation provided on the Dogs Australia launch and need for some resourcing required in the National office, with all States to contribute to these costs. Noted work by the patent attorney and involvement of David Margan on communications which would require a revised agreement to cover additional hours and costs. General Manager to speak with the social media person to continue her contract until the end of 2021 as retaining continuity was important at this time.

COMMITTEES

Minutes of CJC meeting – 23 July 2021 - noted.

Conformation Judges Training Fees – 2021-2022 year and 2022-2023 Lecture/Theory Exams

Discussed and agreed to accept the proposed increase in the Conformation Judges Training Fees for 2021-2022 and for 2022-2023 Lecture/Theory Exams.

Amendment to Appendix 12 – General Specials at Open Shows

Discussed and agreed to the amendment to Appendix 12 for General Specials at Open Shows.

Durack Grounds Committee

Ground Committee Show Dates

Noted the Grounds Committee will run the shows with the profits returned to the Durack Grounds.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Dog/Puppy of the Year Event 2022

Noted the rules were being revisited, with the Dog/Puppy of the Year event rescheduled to 9 and 10 July 2023. A further meeting will consider if the event was held in 2022 on a shortened eligibility period from December 2021 to June 2022 based on shows held at the Durack grounds. The rule changes would enable consideration on a group level rather than best dog in show or runner up to expand the options and increase interest in the event. Discussion followed on possible venues for the event.

Speciality Requests for 2022

Noted and discussed the information provided on the Specialty Requests for 2022 and the impact of Covid on the holding of events. Directors agreed to the holding of the Speciality events for 2022 as per the requests from the three Clubs, namely the Rottweiler Club, Basenji Breed Network and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Of Qld. The permission was granted as the shows were only for Speciality Clubs and would be a one-off occurrence for 2022 only.

Club Matters

Application to be a Social Club – CQ British Bulldog Club

The application was discussed, noting no addresses were listed for Central Queensland. Directors agreed the application to be a Social Club by the CQ British Bulldog Club be denied on the basis it had not been established there was an adequate presence in Central Queensland.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

New Members for Approval

The 87 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 19 July 2021 were accepted. Noted membership as at the 30 August July 2021 Board meeting stands at 6,212 plus 582 Community Members.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Dog Bite Incident in Townsville – Saturday, 28 August 2021

Noted the information provided, with lengthy discussion following on the incident and serious injuries suffered by the judge from a dog attack at an event at Woodstock. Directors agreed there was a need to mandate minimum requirements for facilities at any events held. The General Manager advised the matter had been referred to the Insurers, with a written report on the incident expected from the Show Manager. Discussion followed on the duty of care of all involved to ensure the safety of others, noting any dog showing signs of aggression should be immediately removed from the event either by the exhibitor, Show Manager or the Judge.

Report on French Bulldog Club of Qld

Noted report on the current situation, with the Board agreeing the current acting committee should remain in place until the Club's next AGM. The understanding is the AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 16 November, 2021 and is to be held at the Durack Dog Show Grounds meeting room. The Club therefore does not require a general meeting or special general meeting of members to confirm the current committee positions.

Clarification following "Board Matters" presentation

Matter held over until the September 2021 Board meeting.

Transfer of Semen

Noted there was no Rule regarding the transfer of semen, with the matter referred to the Rules and Constitution Committee for consideration.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 27 September 2021 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.