

Australian Flyball Association –Support Statements for Committee nominations for the 2015 / 2016 Year – Positions involving multiple candidates.

Candidates for President: Richard Mellon :

I have been active in administration of the AFA since 2008, serving on the Committee in a number of roles, including Vice President and President. I played an active role in establishing the Rules Sub Committee to consider rules issues separately from general Committee meetings to ensure adequate thought and discussion could be brought to bear. I was heavily involved in the negotiations for the Purina Supercoat Sponsorship contract, worth approximately \$20,000 per year to the AFA.

I have held a number of roles in and outside the National Committee of the AFA including :

Member of AFA National Committee 2008 – 2015

Chairman Rules Subcommittee 2011 – 2014

Vice-President of AFA 2011/12 (part)

President 2014/15

Purina sponsorship coordinator 2010 – 2015

I am also the Senior Timekeeper for NSW.

Rodney Gooch :

I have supported the development Flyball in Victoria prior to 2000 including:

- 1996: Being one of the founding members of Keilor Flyball – establishing a training schedule with equipment to compete within and outside Victoria.
- Hosted the first Flyball training workshop in July 1997 “An Introduction to Flyball” with the AFA’s first Life Member Gary Harwood at Keilor.
- Competed at first Flyball comp at Canberra Royal Show in 1997.
- Held the first Victorian Flyball competition (The PAL Inaugural Victorian Flyball Challenge) in September at Keilor in 1997.
- 1997: Television exposure of Flyball on Channel 9 program “In Melbourne Tonight” and Channel 10 program “Totally Wild”
- 1997: First Victorian State representative for the AFA.
- Hosted Lonnie Olsen Flyball Camp at Keilor in 1998.

I have continued the development of Flyball through:

- Providing consultative support and factual analysis to the AFA committee for the following:
 1. Entry-exit gate policy,
 2. Red-yellow-black card system,
 3. Safety standards for Flyball jumps for competition.

- Travelled interstate to compete at the Canberra Royal Show, and have travelled to this event to support Flyball at the show for the last 18 years.
- Hosting and co-hosting Flyball competitions to expose the sport to interested public and trainers, develop dog and handler skills of competing and beginner dogs.
- Providing logistics and warehousing for the AFA matting in Victoria.
- Hosting and co-hosting Flyball Demonstrations to provide beginner handlers and dogs exposure to a modified competition.
- Re-introducing indoor Flyball to Victoria in 2015 with the first indoor competition co-hosted with Berwick at Dogs Victoria's State Dog Park Venue.
- Supporting the growth of the sport in existing teams through the trainiat Dog Lovers Shows 2015, and in Victoria for the last 3 years.

I have the following experience working, competing & presenting in the dog industry:

- Provided professional personal dog training for behavioural issues.
- Presented Clicker Training, Targeting, Webinars and other specialist presentations to dog owners, trainers, Obedience Clubs, APDT and professionals.
- Provided professional dog training for TV/Film Industry, Live shows & Head trainer for the Pedigree Superdogs.
- Competed in a range of dog sports including: Flyball, Obedience, Tracking, Canine Disc & Agility.
- Worked within the Pet Industry for 15 years, including Private Professional Dog Training, Behavioural Consults, Dog grooming, Employed as an for Associate Mars Petcare for over 6 years & set up the KONG Advisor program for KONG and consult to KONG.
- Current Behavioural Trainer for GAP, (Victorian Greyhound Adoption Program) at Victorian Prions.
- Training pet dogs through volunteer instructor at Keilor Dog Obedience Training Centre (KODTC) from 1992-2013
- KODTC President for 5 years and Life member from 2002.

2. Candidates for Secretary:

Brian Lindsay:

I have been a member of the AFA for 15 years, joining PICS Club in 2000 and then transferring to Norwest when it was formed in 2004. At Club level I have served in most administrative positions – President, Vice President, Secretary, Instructor, Selector. I have been a member of the AFA Committee for the past 8 Years. I took over as AFA Secretary in 2007 on the resignation of the prior Secretary and have held that position since that date. I am currently also a member of and Secretary to the Dog Incident Sub Committee. I have been the Competition Organiser for 3 National Championships and most of the Norwest Flyball competitions since 2004. I am

a strong believer in the AFA Committee promptly communicating with its members via publication of the Minutes in some detail. I have enjoyed my past involvement as AFA Secretary and am keen to continue in that role.

Tim Slade :

Member of Four Paws Racing. I have been involved in flyball for 12 years both in Australia and North America. I am also an accredited Judge in both the AFA and NAFA. This past year has been my first year on Committee. In this time I have sat as secretary of the Rules Sub Committee, introduced and managed the first ever members survey and introduced open format racing to the AFA. I have also been active in promoting growth in the sport by encouraging and working with existing dog clubs to introduce flyball to their members as well as exploring and working to develop growth in the sport in new areas. I would like to continue on the Committee as I would like to see a greater emphasis put on the growth and promotion of our great, family friendly and unique team dog sport. Thank You.

3. Candidates for General Committee (7 Positions).

Phil Lea :

Member of Sydney Psychos. Current AFA Committee Member and Level 1 Judge, member Rules Sub Committee 2014/15. I feel I can add value to the sport and bring objectivity to Committee.

Justin Allen :

I have been a member of the AFA since August 1998 and watched the sport grow over the years. Racing with Canberra X-Factor (winning the Div 1 2000 Nationals) as an instructor, team captain and competition organiser (hosting the 2005 Nationals), I have previously held AFA committee positions from 2002 – 2006. Having returned to the sport in the past 18 months after a few years hiatus, I will be returning to Canberra X-Factor and bring a willingness to listen to members and skills in the area of Technology and would like to see the AFA take some strategic direction for the sport into the future years.

Jennifer Crane :

Been a member of Awesome Pawsome Club since 2004 and held Committee position with Club most of that time. Competition experience includes Competition Organiser, Steward, Timekeeper, Judge and AFA Rep. Been part of AFA Committee for 2 years and would like to continue the work I am doing with the Web Team.

Julie Pamplin :

Norwest Member involved in flyball since 2005. Trained 2 dogs to Comp level. Currently on Committee with responsibility for recording and updating all Seed times and Title Points on the Website – would like to continue with this role.

Rodney Gooch :

AFA Member since 1996. Past Committee member and Vic Rep. Professional Dog Trainer working within Pet industry for 15 years. Member of Keilor in past and current owner of 4 PR Flyball Team. Time to see a united Association that's there for all AFA Members. See also Statement under President Candidates.

Karen Shields :

I have been a member since 2001 and a judge since 2007. During this time I did the points conversion in 2006 and have helped develop the AFA database and designing of new forms. I have also done the points checking for the last 3 years and was awarded the Presidents Award in 2014 for services provided to the AFA

Jason McFarlane :

Ticketed Steward and Timekeeper. Instructor at Sydney Psychos Flyball Team. I am an I.T. Professional bringing new innovations to the sport via Live Steaming. I want flyball to be a sport accessible to all with the emphasis on having fun.

Shirleen Pitt :

Co-owner of Supersonics Flyball Racing Team. Member since April 2013 and have boxloaded for Backyard Buddies for last 12 Months. Completed Stewards certification. Over the short time I have been involved I have grown to love flyball and now wish to join the Committee to aid in the growth of the sport.

Richard Mellon :

Currently President of the AFA. Chairman of the Rules Sub Committee from 2010 to 2014. Member of AFA Committee since 2008. Senior Timekeeper. See also Statement under President Candidates.

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Anne Coleman :

I am a member of Eastside Flyers Flyball Club and have been doing Flyball for well over 10 years.

I have been a committee member for the last 2 years taking care of the awards and certificates and would like to continue this role if possible.