

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at September 2020 Meeting.  
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
2020.**

**Present:** Richard Mellon, Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Pat Byrne, Josh Ellen, Peter Samuels, Konrad Moskal, Michael Ashton, Frank Lux, Phil Lea, Shireen Pitt, Sam Brown, Martin Watt and Sally Elsom.

**Apologies:** David Strong and Steve Pitt,

Meeting Opened at 7.30 pm via Go to Meetings Conference.

**ITEM 1. Starred Items.**

The following Items were adopted without discussion:

- 1) Minutes of the August Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End July Bank Balance  
\$ 2806.72 plus invested funds of \$84142.71.

**ITEM 2. Matters Arising**

Nil

**ITEM 3. Correspondences In and Out.**

Documents re potential Indoor arena at Dogs NSW Grounds – Draft MOU and Licenses to AFA and Sydney Psychos.

**ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events**

Comp cancelled - Orange Krush – Lunar Lights comp 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 cancelled.

Training Day/Mock Comp – Orange Krush - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Elimbah Showground Rose Creek Rd Elimbah (Request to use Lights for mock comp. Committee approved use of Lights, subject to availability and with matter of levy to be determined based on whether entry fees apply to Mock Comp.)

**ITEM 5 – Admin Matter**

**I) New Members –**

Jessy Flynn  
Taylor Langford  
Catherine Nunn  
Brooke Bradley  
Alexandra Thompson

**II) Exam Passes – Nil advised.**

**lii) Corona Virus update** – The Committee noted that new restrictions had been introduced in Victoria that prevented all flyball activity. Other States regulations remained unaltered. The Committee confirmed the decision taken at the July Meeting that any flyball events in these States could only proceed if permitted under local regulations and circumstances. The issue of hot spot suburbs in NSW was discussed and the question of restricting people coming from named hot spots to flyball activity was considered. The decision was taken to only apply government adopted travel restrictions and not impose any further AFA restrictions.

#### **lv) Defibrillators Purchase Update -**

The Committee noted that the 4 Defibrillators for Qld, NSW, ACT and Victoria had been received and were currently held by Regional Reps. The Units would now be part of the equipment that accompanied lights to competitions. Information on available on -line Training had been made available to members with the request that people already trained in use should make that information known to club coordinators. Frank reported on his investigation of travel cases for the units. It was agreed to purchase suitable cases to secure the defibrillators. Frank to further investigate via Bunnings.

#### **v) Information for AGM .**

The Committee noted that the date of the AGM had been set as Sat 17<sup>th</sup> October. The Committee agreed to call for any nominations for Presidents Appreciation Awards and Life Members with a close date of 1<sup>st</sup> September. The Committee also noted that the process for postal ballots for Rule changes should be commenced with the 3 On Trial Rules placed on the AFA Web for ballot by members. The issue of how best to conduct the 2020 AGM was discussed. The Reginal Reps. had considered options and based on attendance numbers at the recent AGMs it appeared that the normal use of multiple venues and Go to Meetings and supervised voting would still be possible in most States. The current restrictions in Victoria, if still in place by mid- October , would prevent any gathering. It was agreed to monitor the Victorian situation. As a fall back it was suggested that Victorian members who wanted to attend the AGM could be asked to pre- register and then be linked by a Zoom meeting with the coordinator relaying and voting numbers. Venue selection to be again discussed at September Meeting. Nominations for Committee forms to be made available on web from early September.

#### **vi) Change in Bank Signatories**

The Committee noted that the long - standing requirement was for two signatures to be required for all payments from AFA bank account . Arrangements had been made to allow this requirement to continue to operate whilst using the new Commonwealth Bank Direct payment process for two signature accounts. In arranging the new process it had been noted that an old signature of a past President was still registered by the bank. It was agreed to ask the bank to remove the past President signature authority leaving the Treasurer and Secretary with authority to sign.

#### **vii) Indoor Arena Dogs NSW – Potential AFA involvement.**

The Committee noted the draft MOU and License Agreement for access to the indoor arena and the discussions that had taken place in order to clarify rights and responsibilities under the documents. It was noted that the documents are still drafts and that discussions between the donor and Dogs NSW continue. One key point still to be clarified is the potential requirement for the AFA to be named as an Affiliate of Dogs NSW and what obligations this might involve. This issue was one of a number of matters to be followed up by the donor in ongoing discussions. Matter of AFA Insurance coverage over use of the indoor arena was another matter requiring clarification. At this stage no firm decision was required by the AFA other than to confirm general acceptance with the proposed License terms, subject to the clarification of matters discussed.

#### **Item 6 General Business.**

##### **Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.**

Nil to report

##### **Report of Rules Sub Committee.**

Nil to report.

##### **Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.**

Nil to Report

#### **ITEM 7 New Business.**

Frank raised issue of clarification of the criteria for appointment as Supervisory Judge. He advised he had drafted a statement of qualifications and experience requirements and had submitted it in first instance to current Supervisory Judge for comment and reaction. He planned to shortly circulate to Committee for discussion and approval.

#### **Item 8 Other Business.**

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.