

Minutes – Subject to final approval at May 2019 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 1st April 2019.

Present: Richard Mellon, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Frank Lux, Jenny Millar, Konrad Moskal, David Strong, Steve Pitt, Pat Byrne, Shireen Pitt, Michael Ashton, Josh Ellen, and Martin Watt.

Apologies: R.MacDonald , Sam Brown and Lou Stephen.

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 March Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End March Bank Balance \$ 7550.29 plus invested funds of \$82568.21.
- 4) Correspondence Out

ITEM 2. Matters Arising*

Nil

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

Email from Justin Allen tendering his resignation from Committee due to personal circumstances. Resignation accepted with thanks for Justin's past involvement.

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events Approved*.

Comp – Pine Rivers – 14/04/19 – Purley for Points – Rob Akers Reserve Strathpine. Open with Handicap option,

Comp – Dover – 04/05/19 – Dover's 50th – Mitchell Park SA (Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – SX – 28/07/19 – Cool Runnings – Deer Bush Training Grounds Fairfield Showgrounds Prairiewood. (Training in the ring).

Comp – Norwest – 11/08/19 – Hounds in Hills 2 – Dog Complex Undercover area Castle Hill. (On mats , Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – Tuggeranong – 6/10/19 – Boorowa Flyball Fling – Boorowa. (Open with Handicap option).

Comp – Awesome Pawsome – 30/11/19 – twas the Meet before Xmas – RSPCA (On Mats, Open with handicap option, Champion Trophy, 3 pm start).

Comp – Flyball Fanatics – 19/05/19 – MPW Qld – Bill Patterson Oval Salisbury Rd Ipswich (Open with handicap option, Champions Trophy, Training in ring).

Comp – 23/11/19 Out of the wilderness – Tassie– amend to show Open with handicap option.

Mock comp Fundraiser – Awesome Pawsome – 31/03/19 – WACOL - Singles Pairs and Beginners on mats. (Will be held after normal comp is completed).

ITEM 5 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members*:

Rebecca Scott
Ellie Price
Adele Koulouris
Bree Mitchell
Edwina Todd
Ann Turner
Wendy Casey.
Mark Donley

ii) Stewards Exam Passes* –

Nicolas Podmore CRN 2893A,
Gail Kubeil 3157
Tony Gee 3137
Louise Rowlands 3032
Cassandra Napie. 3073

- iii) **Timekeeper Exam *** – Written Exam pass – Nicolas Podmore CRN 2893A
- iv) **Report on possible merchandise designs** – Deferred till May Meeting
- v) **Safety Policy Update** – David reported that he had updated the draft Risk Management Policy and the Health and Safety Management policy to reflect the comments received and to recognise that the AFA was not a PCBU but was still subject to the less stringent Workplace Health and Safety systems. He recommended that the revised Policy Statements be adopted. After discussion Committee voted to adopt both Policies. Both to be included in AFA Policy's on web.

David also drew attention to the desirability of updating the AFA Constitution to ensure that the stated objectives and activities of the Club, as quoted in the Constitution, cover all Club activities and hence ensuring that they were covered by our insurances. The Committee agreed to consider the recommended amendments at its May Meeting so that Committee members had the opportunity to consider the proposals.

- vi) **Problems with Victorian Light set** – Jenny reported that the set had worked fine at their recent comp with no problems with the Light Pole evident. Set would continue to be monitored but at present no further action required.
- vii) **2020 Nationals Bid** – bids closed end March 2019 and only one bid received – a joint bid from Berwick and Frankston to hold 2020 Nationals at Dandanong Show. The Committee determined to accept the submitted bid. Date for 2020 Nationals will be November 14th and 15th.

Item 6 General Business.

- a) **Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.** Nil to report
- b) **Report from Rules Sub Committee.** Sub Committee had considered the Rules for Open class competitions in area of handicap racing and had recommended that the Rules be amended to allow a combination of handicap and non-handicap racing in different divisions of an Open class event. The Sub Committee also recommended a minor rewrite of Section 1.4 to improve clarity and to differentiate between seed times for regular and Open formats. After discussion the Committee approved both amendments. Secretary to action amendments on web. The new Open class Rules to be On Trail effective from competitions with a close date on or after 1st May 2019.
- c) **Report on Ulna Measuring System.** Josh reported on the Sub Committee actions. After considering the current situation the Sub Committee had decided to focus on improving and strengthening the current design rather than looking for an alternative. The design was seen as professional and easy to use. Steve had made some adjustments to the design that should make it more robust, these changes are being sent to Aaron (the original designer) for comment. The Committee suggested that Aaron be asked for a timescale for incorporating the improvements. The option of using stronger material in the bridges to also be explored. Martin advised that he had replaced the original bridge on the SA measure with one of the new parts and that he had now used the measure on 3 occasions and measures around 40 SA dogs with no issues. Josh asked to update Committee on status of each States device when possible. The matter of the implementation date for issue of height cards was discussed and it was agreed that the ulna measures needed to be improved from a strength and durability viewpoint before height cards could be introduced. Steve also suggested that Judges needed to be trained in the measures use before implementation. Proposed to defer any issue of height cards till at least 1st July 2019. It was suggested that the Committee also consider again whether a single measure was suitable for issue of a card or whether a number of measurers showing the same height should be required.

The Committee agreed to defer height card implementation date till 1st July 2019 and to again consider and confirm this date at the June Meeting.

d) Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

Steve suggested that an interim Chair be appointed given Justin's resignation from Committee. Steve agreed to function as Interim Chair. He also suggested that the Committee consider how best to leverage the new Premiership from viewpoint of attracting both more traffic to the AFA Web site and hence making sponsorship more attractive to organisations looking for exposure. Suggestion made that members be invited to express interest in being involved in development of the web site and in joining the Development Sub Committee. Expressions of interest to be called for and matter placed on Agenda for May Meeting.

e) 2019 Nationals update – Jenni advised that the initial steward training for Nationals had been completed and it appeared that only one person not currently a member of AFA would need to be admitted as an honorary member for a year.

Jenni also asked the Committee to review the use of Matting in the Wacol indoor arena from viewpoint of covering the area in front of the light tree with mats. It was pointed out that neither NAFA nor other States used mats to cover this area. Jenni indicated that they felt that dog safety would be improved if the area was totally covered and suggested that the existing mats could be cut down in length to fill the area. Question asked – how much length was spare when the mats were laid out – Jenni agreed to measure and report back. Matter to be again considered at May Meeting.

– ITEM 7 – New Business. Nil

Item 8 Other Business.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 6th May** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.

