

Minutes – Subject to final approval at September 2019 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 5th August 2019.

Present: Richard Mellon, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Frank Lux, Konrad Moskal, Pat Byrne, Michael Ashton, Sam Brown, Shireen Pitt, David Strong, Robert MacDonald, Josh Ellen and Louise Steven, Martin Watt and Steve Pitt (part meeting).

Apologies: Jenny Millar and Steve Pitt (Part Meeting).

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 July Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End July Bank Balance \$24,435.50 plus invested funds of \$82161.
- 4) Correspondence Out

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

Nil

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

1. Late Submission nominating member for Presidents appreciation award. Member nominated already approved to receive Award.
2. Correspondence re Constitutional amendments (Dealt with via Email).

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events Approved*.

Training Seminar – Sydney Psychos – 17 to 20th APRIL 2020 – Rocket Relay Flyball Seminar. (Note request to use flyball matting – dealt with under New Business

ITEM 5 – Admin Matters.

New Members*:

Troy Cole
Pauline McCannally
Melinda Wilkins
Robyn Champion
Rachel Phomsouvanh
Sophie Osbourne
Raylee Jones
Michelle Timmins
Hannah Vedder
Courtney Robb
Jill Bodell
Jean Dally
Warren McKean
Margaret O'Brien
Tracey Baldwin
Bradley Hosler

i) Stewards Exam Passes* –

Rachel Phomsouvanh CRN 3188
Jason Dean CRN 2339.A1
Tazzie Eggins CRN 2339
Ben Samuels CRN 2747.A1
Louise Rowlands CRN 3032
Judy Gee CRN 3137
Nicholas Harris CRN 3142.A1
Emma Peters CRN 3142
Colin Stephens CRN 3034.A1
Kylie Stephens CRN 3034.A2
Mel Fisher CRN 3066
Ellie Rivet CRN 382
David Strong. CRN2792

i) Timekeeper Exam *– Theory exam passes for Ben Royes CRN 2970A1 and Elisha Gardner CRN 2977.

- ii) **Report on possible merchandise designs** – Lou had circulated a number of possible design options. After discussion it was agreed that Lou should select two to place on the web and that would allow us to gauge level of interest and consider more designs.

- iii) **Title Certificate Design** – Pat reported that she had not been able to follow up the matter of adding a border to the Certificate – matter deferred till September meeting.

- iv) **Title Pin reorder** – Pat advised that we did not need to order large stocks of Pins but rather could order as required. She would follow up matter of black ink printing and report to next Meeting.

- v) **AGM Planning** – Accounts finalized and going to Auditor. Changes to ACT Legislation have been noted and the AFA complies with the new requirements. Sub Committee for 2019 Awards agreed. Noted that only a small number of Rules ballots received to date. Wording on Web page to be updated to make it clearer that Form was for voting for Rules. Meeting noted that AFA would be using Go to Meetings again and venue coordinators needed to ensure availability of computer with Go to Meetings software.

- vi) **Discussion re issue linked to attraction of Timekeepers and Judges.**

The Committee noted the Papers on this subject and the comments thereon submitted by Committee Members.

The first part of the Paper focused on factors seen as leading to a reluctance of members to take on these roles. Input received suggested that one significant cause was the heated exchanges that sometimes occurred between competitors and Officials. The Committee agreed that in future a less tolerant approach to any disagreement that boarded on abuse or intimidation of Officials should be taken and that all members should be so informed during Team

Captains Meetings and that Judges should also be so advised.

The matter of positive steps that might attract members to take on Timekeeping and Judging roles was deferred until new Committee takes over.

Suggested that discussion could be structured into:

1. Review of training requirements and issues around knowledge availability via web.
2. Subsidisation of Training costs where necessary – such as in smaller States where it was difficult or impossible to meet training requirements locally.

Item 6 General Business.

- a) Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.** Martin reported that there had been five Black Card incidents at recent Competitions. In all cases the incidents were minor and did not involve contact between dogs. The Sub Committee recommended No Finding in all 5 cases. Dogs involved were – Charlie CRN 3021A; Itty Bitty CRN 2590 B; Harley CRN 3650A; Diesel CRN 2506 A and Darcy CRN 3131A.
Committee approved No Finding in all cases.
- b) Report from Rules Sub Committee.** Nil to report
- c) Report on Ulna Measuring System.** Josh reported that the new parts had been ordered for 3 of the AFA measures and that it was hoped that this would solve the breakage problem and allow measure to be finalized for ongoing use. Once the new design had been tested the plan was to update other measures.
- d) Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.** Steve reported on the design of a new front page for the AFA web site that was more focused on highlighting news and matters of interest. Links to all member areas would be retained and there was no intent to amend or alter the automated member features of the site. Discussions with our It designed indicated an estimated cost of around \$1000 to develop and implement the new landing page. The

Committee endorsed the new page in principal and authorized discussions between the web team, the Development Sub Committee and our IT designer to develop a more complete project plan, including timeline and Budget for media information approach for the web site.

- e) **2019 Nationals update** — Jenny advised that they had received entries for 36 Teams. Division split submission had been sent to Amanda. Discussion on Light sets resulted in agreement that Brian would take the full NSW set and ACT would arrange to take their set as back up. It was noted that Divisions 1 to 5 would likely be held on mats indoors and Divisions 6 to 10 would be outside on grass.

Item 7 New Business

Committee considered the question of fee required for flyball matting at the 4 -day Seminar approved for April 2020. The Committee noted that whilst this would be a fee -paying seminar it was not designed to run at a profit and the focus was on developing flyball training in Australia not on generating income. Nevertheless, the Committee has a duty to make provision for the cost of future replacement of matts resulting from wear and tear. Past discussion of matting hire for such activities had resulted in a development of a Policy (No.10) on Matting access and use, including costs of access. That policy indicated that hire costs would be determined on a case by case basis and that a standard cost would be \$100 per day. Given the benefit of this type of Training Day to the general flyball membership who elect to attend the Committee agreed that a 50% discount on hire should apply and that a fee of \$50 per day should be advised to the event organisers. Carried unanimously.

Item 8 Other Business.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 2nd September 2019.**
President thanks outgoing Committee for their efforts throughout 2018/19. There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.20 p.m.
Signed as a true record.

President.