

Minutes – Subject to final approval at January 2017 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 5th December 2016.

Present: Richard Mellon, Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Catherine Stroop, Phil Lea, Jennifer Crane, Shireen Pitt, Frank Lux, Jo Grant, Robyn Ferguson, Anne Coleman, Carolyn Shrives, and Candice Leighton.

Apologies : Josh Ellen, Julie Pamplin 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 November Meeting
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End November Bank Balance \$ 18,772.16 plus Invested funds of \$52985.87.
- 4) Correspondence Out.

Treasurer raised matter of investment of funds – agreed to leave \$5000 in Power Saver and a similar amount in Bank and to transfer remaining funds into a Term Deposit Account.

ITEM 2 Correspondence In.

Nil

ITEM 3 Sanctioned Events Approved.

Comp – Frankston/Hastings – Bass Coast Show – 14th Jan 2017 – (Open Format)

Comp – Wollongong Wonder Woofs – 21 Jan 2017 – Albion Park Show – Halket Lane Albion Park (Open Class. Handicap racing and Training in ring).

Comp – Wollongong – 4 Feb 2017 – Nowra Show – West St Nowra.

Comp – Orange Krush – 4th Feb 2017 – Summer Daze – Rose Creek RD Elimbah

Comp – Wonthaggie – Sat 11th Feb 2017 – Korumburra Ag Show – Korumburra Showground Sth Gippsland Hwy Korumburra

Comp – Belconnen – Royal Canberra Show – 25th and 26th Feb 2017 – Exhibition Park Mitchell ACT.

Comp – Frankston – 25th March 2017 – Black Hawk Flyball Challenge 2017 – Kingston Pet Expo – Corrigan Oval Marcus Rd Dingley Vic (A Limited Entry Comp – max 20 Teams – No advertisement other than Black Hawk).

Comp – Orange Krush – 2nd July 2017 – Hot Dog Classic – Rose Creek Rd Elimbah

Comp – Orange Krush – 14th October 2017 – Luna Lights – Rose Creek Rd Elimbah

ITEM 4 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members :

Cate Stanton
Milton Moody
Jeanette Payne
Kylie Gate
Sarah Jane Robertson

ii) Stewards Exam Passes - Vicky Thorncroft CRN 2793.

iii) Timekeepers Exam Passes * nil advised

iv) Consideration of ways to honour memory of Les Scott .

The Committee noted the input from Frank that gave a comparison between the existing points table and the proposed amended points table, including the Les Scott Award.

The Committee agreed to submit to the members at next AGM the proposal to add a new title at 712 points named the Les Scott Award. The new title was to be seen as an honouring award and there would be a link to a web page with details of Les's service to Flyball. Frank to prepare a first draft of the web page – others who can make a contribution to send to Frank.

The Committee then discussed the idea of amending the current points table to even out points at the lower end of the table. Concern was expressed that if the changes were proposed at the same time as the proposal to introduce the Les Scott Award it may create a negative reaction to both matters. After discussion it was agreed to postpone consideration of amending the points table until after the 2017 AGM in order to avoid any possible negative reaction to the less Scott Award proposal.

v) Storage of Victorian matting.

The Committee noted that in the absence of a firm proposal re storage from any Vic Club the decision had been taken via email that the matting be relocated to ACT for storage at Belconnen Club at an annual fee of \$500. Rodney had been advised and was to obtain quote for transport – to be paid by AFA. Secretary to follow up with Rodney issue of quote and transport and Carolyn to follow up deliver arrangements with Belconnen.

vi) 2017 Insurances.

2017 Insurance Premium Invoices received. Public Liability Insurance premiums were \$831.40 – same as in 2016. The Member Group Personal Accident Policy premiums had however increased from \$350 to \$1564.75. The Broker had advised that prior years premiums had been incorrectly based on the minimum premium and had not taken into account the number of member covered by the policy. The 2017 Premium

was based on a cost of \$1.75 per member plus stamp duty. The Broker also advised that the \$1.75 per member was extremely cheap for this type of cover. The cover applied to all members involved in AFA Sanctioned activities, including club training. It was recognized that cover was for accidental injury to members, which resulted in permanent or temporary injury. Cover was limited to \$500 a week compensation for working member who suffered loss of income and up to \$500 a week for non-income earners. After discussion it was agreed to continue the cover and Secretary to renew Policy so members remained covered for serious accidents. It was also agreed to seek alternative price quotes for similar level of cover for 2018. Frank agreed to seek alternative quotes. Secretary to send Frank copy of Policy.

5. General Business;

(a) Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee –

Sub Committee reported on two recent incidents that had been dealt with. First incident involved Max CRN 2319A and Radar CRN 2530B. Incident was minor and recommendation was a No Finding of Aggression against Max (who had no prior cards) and a Letter of Warning to Radar. Committee approved action.

Second incident involved Daisy CRN 2319B and Jackie CRN 1174A in an altercation outside the ring after conclusion of competition. Daisy had slipped her lead and approached Jackie and started to herd her – Jackie's owner saw what was happening and reacted by shouting and kicking Daisy to separate the dogs. As she picked up Jackie Daisy bit the dog on the tail drawing blood.

Investigation indicated that Daisy had no prior history of aggression and view was expressed that Jackie's owner may have produced the reaction in Daisy by kicking the dog. In the circumstances, the decision was taken to send Daisy's owner a Warning Letter Type 1 and to take no action against Jackie's owner for what seemed to be an over reaction to the incident.

(b) Report from Rules Sub Committee.

The Rules Sub Committee had considered a number of minor clarification type amendments to the Rules and some more

substantial recommendation dealing with clarification to Height Card rules. A new version of the recommended changes to the Rules document had been sent to Committee Member just before the Meeting. In view of the late circulation of the amendments it was agreed to defer consideration and to schedule a special Meeting of available Committee members to discuss and agree changes. (The Meeting date was later set for 7.30 pm on Monday the 19th December – only business to be the Rules proposals).

(c) Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

It was noted that the letter to all members, seeking input re the Sub Committee work, had been sent to all members. Several members had already responded. At this time the Sub Committee was awaiting more inputs - Matter deferred until January Meeting.

(d) Supervising Judge Position update.

Phil reported that he had assumed the role of Supervisory Judge from 1st December and was in the process of hand over from Sue Norton. The Committee agreed to record its expression of thanks to Sue for her service as Supervisory Judge over the past two years.

(e) On Trial - Judges Accreditation Process.

The Committee noted that the Judges Accreditation process developed by a Sub Committee in 2015 had now been On Trial for just over a 12-month period. The On Trial process was due to end in October 2016 but had been extended until end 2016 in order to allow the incoming Supervisory Judge to consider whether any changes needed to be made. Phil reported that he was personally happy with the process as documented but he planned to consult Judges to see if they wished to make comment. Matter deferred till January Meeting for further consideration.

ITEM 5 – New Business

a) On Line Entry Proposal.

Pat introduced the proposal to automate the Competition Entry process. Stage one was mainly focused on automating the Entry Form data – so that inserting a dogs CRN would link to the AFA Data Base and all other info re the dog would auto fill on the entry form. Costs were estimated at \$\$1600. It was agreed that Pat would discuss the proposal with a number of members who were regular submitters of entry forms to confirm benefits. Pat to also clarify that system would allow people to override automatic data where circumstances required (such as a Member other than the CRN holder running the dog). Pat to report further to January Meeting.

b) Cancelled Qld Comp – clarification re refunds.

The Committee noted the circumstances under which a recent Qld competition had been cancelled before a complete round robin had been achieved after a member had suffered a medical emergency. The question was raised – given the circumstances involved should the competition organiser refund entry fees. It was noted that the current Refund of Entry fee Policy did not cover the specific circumstances in this case. It was also noted that Team Captains had been consulted as to whether to continue or cancel and had agreed to cancel. The refunds Policy made it clear that decisions re cancellation should be taken by Officials (Comp organiser, Judges and AFA rep) and not involving team captains. The Secretary pointed out that there were two precedents in NSW where team Captains had been consulted and those who decided not to continue did not get refunds as it was their decision to withdraw. It was also recognised that this had resulted in the Policy of not consulting team captains. It was also recognised that the competition organiser would not have to pay the AFA the Lights levy. After discussion it was proposed that the Secretary write to the organising club suggestion that in the circumstances, as a minimum, teams be refunded the AFA Lights levy component of the entry fee and then leaving it to the organiser to consider matter of unrecovered costs and whether a further refund should be made to teams. The Committee also agreed that Secretary should review existing refunds Policy to see if it could be improved to cover this type of cancellation.

ITEM 6 - General Business.

Next Meeting Monday 2nd January 2017.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.