

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at March 2021 Meeting.
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 1st
February 2021.**

Present: Richard Mellon, Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Josh Ellen, Michael Ashton, Sam Brown, Steve Pitt, Ben Royes, Sally Elsom, Drew Harrison, Belinda O'Shea, Pat Byrne, Carmel Nottle, David Strong, Jennifer Crane, and Frank Lux.

Apologies: Konrad Moskal.

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 January Meeting.
- 2) New Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End January Bank Balance \$5769.15 plus invested funds of \$74143.71.

ITEM 2 Matters Arising

January Action Sheet reviewed.

ITEM 3 Correspondences In.

Nil

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events

Training Day – S.C. – 19/03/21 – Camden Showground- Cancelled

Training Day – All Paws Airborne – 3/04/21 – Wacol Qld – On mats – for AFA Registered dogs with no points.

Multi Venue Mock comp – Belconnen and Tassie FPs – 28/03/21 – Belconnen Club Grounds and Pontville Grounds Tassie.

Comp – WWW – 14/03/21 – Madness at Moss Vale – Moss Vale Showground (Open with handicap option, Regular Handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp- - S.C. – 20/03/21 – Flyball at Camden Show – Camden Showground – (Open with handicap option, Training in ring) – Cancelled.

Comp – S.C. – 2/04/21 – Flyball at the Fairfield Easter Fair – Fairfield Showground (Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – Frankston – 3/04/21 – Plan C – FDOC Grounds McClelland Drive Frankston – (Open with Handicap option Regular Handicap option).

Comp – Orange Krush – 24/04/21 – The Pineapple Cup – Beenwah Sportsground Sportsground Rd Beerwah (Open, Training in ring).

Comp- S.C. – 01/08/21 – Cool Runnings – Deer Bush Dog Grounds Fairfield Showground (Open with handicap option).

ITEM 5 Admin Matter

i) New Members –

Lana Kennedy
Margaret Ioannou
Alexis Zerbe
Maranda Wegrzyniak
Betsy Clark
Roberta Dean
Claudia Kelly
Samantha Wall
Adele Cowderoy
Michelle Wheatley
Chelsea Hindle
Robert Lawson
Mischa Portelli.

ii) Exam Passes – nil advised

iii) Corona Virus update. Brian advised several relaxations to NSW restrictions. All Regional Reps also advised current position in their State. All States were now able to resume competitions.

Situation was still best described as “fluid” and members should continue to take note of local State restrictions when planning activities.

iv) Printing of Certificates.

Pat advised that she was now in a position to test the use of Officeworks to print certificates and would arrange test. Two alternative Certificate formats had been circulated. After discussion the format with President signature was agreed as the preferred version.

v) Dog Honour Board update.

Pat advised the Ezri Board was nearly finished. Once that Board was finalized Pat would start on data needed for Jeddah Board.

vi) Review of Trophies.

The Committee noted that Anne had suggested that a review of Trophies be undertaken. Brian commented that he had both Onyx and Ezri Trophies and wording seemed fine. The Ezri Trophy was engraved on metal and was much more attractive than the Onyx which was engraved on glass and was hard to read. Pat indicated she would photo each and circulate to Committee.

vii) Dual Venue Comp – Budget.

David introduced his paper outlining a proposal for AFA to fund the Tassie segment of the trial of the dual venue comp – costs included hire of grounds and travel for a Judge and timekeeper. In discussion following points made:

- This was an AFA initiative to test the concept of conducting a Competition at two venues in different states given the ongoing corona virus situation and any costs should be met by AFA
- Given the trial is a Mock Comp is it necessary to have an Official Judge and experienced timekeeper? View expressed that it would be good to have experienced officials as part of the trial;
- That whilst the Mock Comp had been sanctioned we had not received a complete outline of how the concept to be tested was to operate. David advised Belconnen was to submit the outline of the concept to AFA. He offered to chase the submission up.

After discussion the matter of funding of costs of trial was deferred until information was received on how the trial was to operate and approved was given by AFA to proceed with trial.

viii) Life Member Nomination Form design.

The Committee noted the Form design submitted by Drew for nominations for Life Membership. Several minor changes to wording in introduction suggested. Drew to update and recirculate for final approval.

ix) Nationals update.

The Committee noted the update report and confirmed the following:

Special Nationals designed judge's shirts can be used by Club subject only to final design being approved by Committee;
Singles, pairs and Beginners events are demos and a second Sanction should be submitted for these events – proposed entry fees fine;

Allocation of divisions to rings is a matter for Organisers and Reg rep to decide.

Committee also requested Club to submit in due course a Covid Risk analysis and Safety Plan for the Competition.

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.

Ben advised that Landing Page was nearly completed and that he had received the data dump from Pat. Pat indicated she was looking at adding an Age profile or Date of Birth question to the Membership renewal so that data on members age was available.

ITEM 7 New Business.

Nil.

Item 8 Other Business.

- 1) The Committee noted the recent social media reports that Sydney Psychos had ceased to operate as a Flyball Club. Pat advised that the Club coordinator had requested their name be removed from Club listing and that the links to the Club email and web site no longer worked. This prompted question should the Club listing be removed from AFA Web. Noted that no formal notification had been received by AFA re Club status. There was also a need to confirm situation re the proposed indoor arena given original concept involved a role for Sydney Psychos. Matter to be followed up by President.

- 2) Belinda raised question of Gordon Charmers having completed his required 5 Judging assignments. Contact had been made with Supervisory Judge who had agreed that Josh would supervise his performance. Given the limited number of Judges in Victorian it would be good to get Gordon accredited asap. Josh to follow up Supervisory Judge re recommendation.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 1st March 2021** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.00p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.