

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at February 2021 Meeting.
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 4th
January 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, Frank Lux
and Konrad Moskal.

Apologies: Nil

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 December Meeting.
- 2) New Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End December Bank Balance \$4887.15 plus invested funds of \$74143.71.

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

Nil.

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

Email from Kylie advising nomination of Jo Slade as Supervising Judge at Nationals. The Committee endorsed the nomination. Michael reported that the independent entry receiver would be Anne Newman and the second AFA Rep Bel O'Shea.

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events

Comp – Weiners – 26/01/21 – Aussie Weiners Party – 1037 Plumpton Rd Plumpton Vic – (Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – Berwick – 20/03/21 – Back to Berwick, Akoonah Park Berwick North Area (Open with Handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – CDC – 22/05/21 – Mayhem – Nurrabundah Lane Symonston – (Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – Flyball Friends – 19/09/21 – Goulburn Spring Fling – Goulburn Dog Club Gate 8 Bungonia Rd Goulburn (Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – Supersonics – 11/06/22 – State of Origin Prelim – Location TBA – (Open with handicap option, Champion Trophy)

Comp – Supersonics – 12/06/22 – State of Origin Final – Location TBA – (Open with handicap option).

ITEM 5 – Admin Matter

i) New Members –

Debra Wylie
Renee Higgins

ii) Exam Passes – nil advised

iii) Corona Virus update. Brian advised changes to NSW restrictions, including travel restrictions for Northern Beaches area and that border restrictions had been reintroduced for Greater Sydney residents. Josh advised that Victoria could still hold outdoor events with up to 500 people. ACT had reintroduced border restrictions for Greater Sydney residents. S.A. advised that at present they were not planning to hold comps due to not sufficient teams being available. Tassie advised they were able to hold competitions but had border restrictions for NSW and Vic residents.

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

iv) Replacement printer for Certificates.

Pat advised that Anne had no computer at present so Pat had taken over Certificates for time being. She still needed to get the format for printing from Liz – she planned to call re this and paper recommendation. She advised that a laser printer would be required for printing. Suggestion made that we explore using an external printer such as Office Works and look at option of them posting out. Pat agreed to phone Anne to check on latest position and her interest in continuing doing Certificates and Trophies. Pat and Sam to check printing options and report to Feb Meeting.

v) Dog Honour Board update.

Pat advised the Ezri Board was nearly finished – only needed the template to upload to Data base and some more info on Ezri from Ian. Once that is done Pat would start on data needed for Jeddah Board.

Item 6 General Business.

Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.

Nil to Report.

Report of Rules Sub Committee.

- i) David reported that the Sub Committee had appointed him as Chair.
- ii) The referred matter of reviewing the Policy regarding charges for use of the AFA Equipment (Lights and Mats) had been completed and the Sub Committee recommended that effective from 1st January 2021 the following table of charges apply:

Event	Cost of Lights	Cost of Mats
AFA Flyball Competitions ¹	As per fee schedule (\$20 per team as at 1 Jan 2021)	As per fee schedule (\$10 per team as at 1 Jan 2021)
AFA Flyball Demonstrations ¹	No charge	No charge
AFA Mock Competitions ¹	No charge	No charge
AFA Training Days ¹	No charge	No charge
Club Training Days ²	\$100 per day or as per fee schedule from 1 Jan 2021	\$50 per day or as per fee schedule from 1 Jan 2021
Restricted Seminars/Training Days or Special Events ^{2,3}	Minimum \$100 per day but fee to be set by AFA	Minimum \$50 per day but fee to be set by AFA

Notes

1. The use charges for these events are as listed above based on unrestricted entries, unless otherwise approved on a different basis by the AFA.
2. The use charges for these events are listed above based on restricted entries (i.e. club based only or restricted entry numbers) unless otherwise approved on a different basis by the AFA.
3. For events organised by AFA affiliated clubs or members which provide training and/or one-on-one training for participants but have a restricted number of participants even though open for all AFA members the use charges are negotiated and then set by the

AFA on event approval. Or for Special Events where the AFA or AFA members are involved which promotes the flyball as a sport.

The AFA will not hire its equipment to other organisations if there is no involvement of the AFA and/or its members.

It was agreed that a Rule Clarification Notification would be issued to advise members of charges. The rewrite of the Policy document would be done as part of the Rules Update but the new charges would be included on the web under fees asap. Use fees to be reviewed annually at time of normal fees review.

iii) Dog age for racing lifted to 18 months.

The Sub Committee confirmed that only two minor changes were required to Rules to reflect the decision at AGM to lift age for racing to 18 months and both changes had already been made and included in the latest Rules on web.

iv). Training of dogs under 18 Months.

The Sub Committee considered if any changes were required to current Rules and conclude that current wording was appropriate as they limited dogs to training over jumps and turning on box from 12 months of age at AFA training days. Club training rules were seen as a matter for Clubs to monitor.

David also reported on the Meeting to consider the matter of Multi- Venue Competitions. The recommendation was to conduct a Mock Competition at two separate venues to see what problems emerged under the Rules. ACT and Tassie had agreed to be part of Mock comp – Sanction was to be sought shortly. This would allow Rules to be tested and any problems identified.

Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

Ben advised that Landing Page was still not finalized – expected that to be done by February. Pat reported on a request for statistical information – it was agreed that a Data Dump should be done by Pat and sent to Sub Committee with member specific info deleted.

ITEM 7 New Business.

Nil

Item 8 Other Business.

Nil

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 1st February 2021** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.

