

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at August 2020 Meeting.
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 6th July 2020.**

Present: Richard Mellon, Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Pat Byrne, Josh Ellen, Peter Samuels, Konrad Moskal, Michael Ashton, Frank Lux and Sally Elsom.

Apologies: David Strong, Phil Lea, Steve Pitt, Shireen Pitt Sam Brown and Martin Watt.

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 June Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End June Bank Balance
\$ 11460.45 plus invested funds of \$84142.71.

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

Nil

ITEM 3. Correspondences In and Out.

Nil

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events

Given the progressive lifting of restrictions the suspension on Sanctioned events has been lifted effective from 6th July and events can be sanctioned provided they can be conducted within the current Covid 19 Regulations within the State or Territory conducting the event. Different limits on attendance number apply in various states/Territories and it will be the responsibility of the Competition/ Event Organisers to ensure that limits are complied with and the various safety regulations are applied.

Notice has been received from Norwest that they are planning to conduct the two Chills in the Hills Competitions, subject to obtaining the necessary approval for hire of grounds. Application has been lodged together with a Covid Safety Plan. Information supplied to be added to web comp details.

New Sanction applications received and approved:

Comp - Max Velocity – Sat 29/8 –Hillsborough Dog Grounds Hillsborough Rd –
Open with handicap option, training in ring, Covid Safe Plan applies.

Comp - Max Velocity –Sun 30/8 –Hillsborough Dog Grounds Hillsborough Rd –
Open with handicap option, training in ring, Covid Safe Plan applies.

Training Day/mock comp – Belconnen – Sat 29/08 – Belconnen Grounds
Flemington Rd.

ITEM 5 – Admin Matter

I) **New Members** –Nil in June.

II) **Exam Passes** – Nil advised.

lii) Corona Virus update – The Committee noted the restrictions situation in various States and that the situation in Victoria may be under review given the current outbreak situation. In NSW it was noted that up to 500 people could attend an outdoor sporting competition or training provided it was conducted under an approved Covid 19 Safety Plan. As a guide to any club that was looking to develop such a Plan the Committee received a copy of the Norwest Plan and Training Guidelines documents that had been recently developed. It was agreed to place these documents on the AFA Web site as a guide for other Clubs. In doing so the Committee noted that any plan would need to take into account local regulations and circumstances.

Iv) Defibrillators Purchase Update -

The Committee noted that a decision had been taken to acquire 4 Defibrillators for Qld, NSW, ACT and Victoria (with hire options to apply for competitions in Tasmania and SA). It was agreed at last meeting to explore options for Government subsidies available in the various States.

Brian reported that he had researched the NSW situation and found that the Government subsidy scheme had closed in early April 2020. Whether a new scheme would be implemented for 2020/21 was unclear – there was no information available on the web. Under the 2019 scheme National and State based sporting organisations and various sports focused charities could apply for subsidy's of up to \$1250 to assist in purchase of an approved model of defibrillator. Indication was given that a delay of up to 6 Months was likely between approval and availability of funds. Michael reported that in ACT no similar Government scheme seemed to be currently available, but that assistance was available to purchase via St Johns. He indicated he had a contact and could obtain information on prices. No information re Queensland on Victoria subsidy schemes.

The Committee noted that with the resumption of activity likely in near future early acquisition was desirable. It was agreed that Michael should obtain prices for acquisition of 4 units. It was noted that most units came with up to 10 on- line training credits and consideration would be given to how best to allocate training one purchase was arranged. Michael to circulate cost information when available and a decision then to be made re acquisition.

V) Date for AGM.

The Committee noted the latest advice from Access Canberra that all Inc's now had until the end of October to hold their 2020 AGM. No extension past that date would be granted. The advice also encouraged organisation to conduct meetings other than in large gatherings. After discussion the Committee set that date of Saturday the 17th October for the AFA AGM. A Sub Committee of the AFA Regional Reps was established to explore optimum ways to conduct the AGM and the system of voting by members in attendance. It was noted that Rules Ballots would be done pre meeting via the normal process and that the only voting currently required would be for positions on Committee. Secretary to commence to develop pre meeting information to go to members.

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.

The Committee noted the circulated Website Editorial Guidelines submitted for approval. After consideration the Committee determined that the wording under the Privacy Section should be amended by amending the word can to the word “cannot” – so now reading “The AFA shall maintain a list of members whose names and images cannot be used in articles”. Subject to this change the Guidelines were approved.

ITEM 7 New Business.

Josh raised, for discussion, whether it would be possible for Clubs to consider holding a competition over two days but having different Divisions on each day so that attendance numbers were reduced. He pointed out that this may assist to comply with number restrictions in some States. The Committee agreed that such an approach, whilst unusual, would be acceptable.

Item 8 Other Business.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 3rd August**. There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.