

Minutes – Subject to final approval at July 2019 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd June 2019.

Present: Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Frank Lux, Jenny Millar, Konrad Moskal, Pat Byrne, Michael Ashton, R.MacDonald , Sam Brown, Louise Stephen, Josh Ellen, Shireen Pitt , David Strong and Martin Watt.

Apologies: R.Mellon 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 May Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End May Bank Balance \$13,563.69 plus invested funds of \$82568.21.
- 4) Correspondence Out

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

Nil

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

Email from Nik Boyd requesting exemption from 90 day period due to relocation from NSW to S.A. – joining Dover. Approved.

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events Approved*.

Comp – Awesome Pawsome – 25/08/19 – All Dogs Sports Spectacular – Dogs Qld King Ave Durack. (Open with Handicap option, Handicap Regular)

Comp – Frankston – 7/09/19 – On the Fly – FDOC Grounds McClelland Drive Frankston. (Open with handicap option and Training in ring).

Comp – Redlands – 08/09/19 – Spring Sensation – Cleveland SHOWGROUND Long St Cleveland QLD. (Open with handicap option & Training in ring).

Comp – Belconnen – 29/02 and 1 /3 - 2020 Canberra Royal Show – Exhibition Park Flemington Rd (Open with handicap option, training in the ring).

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – Campbell Town Show Showgrounds Campell Town. (Approved by email)

Demo – Belconnen – 28/02/20 – Canberra Royal Show – Flemington Rd Mitchell.

ITEM 5 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members*:

Christine Cross
Brendon Williamson
Ashleigh Truscott
Georgia Foster

ii) Stewards Exam Passes* – nil

iii) Timekeeper Exam *– nil

iv) Report on possible merchandise designs – Lou circulated examples of Polo shirts with the AFA Logo and the “drag racing for dogs” on back. Cost would be \$42.40, which included a 10% mark up for AFA. She indicated that she required a higher resolution Logo for use in design. Pat to consult designer re image and ask if there are any restrictions on logo design. Lou raised idea of varying the logo colour – mixed views expressed with some expressing concern that change would loose brand recognition. Matter held over till July Meeting when Pat should be able to advise re discussions with designer.

- v) **Safety Policy Update** – David explained that he had reviewed the Constitution for desirable changes to ensure that the AFA Objectives were clear and encompassed all AFA activities so that there could be no confusion re matters that could involve insurance coverage of activities. He also had suggested a range of minor editorial changes to capture such things as changes in references to Acts. He had circulated a mark-up copy for Committee consideration. Brian advised that in order to submit to AGM we would need to finalise the document at the July Meeting. He suggested that the easiest approach would be to submit an entire amended document with mark up and a cover explanation document. To get approval at AGM a 90% majority was required. Brian pointed out that as far as he was aware the Constitution had remained unchanged since inception.
- vi) **Title Certificate Design** – Pat reported she was awaiting input from Liz Coombes re revised design and suggested matter be held over till July.
- vii) **Onyx Title Pin reorder** – Pat reported that we were down to less than 15 Badges and needed to reorder. Current design was a single base with glue on strips with printing of title. Brian reported that in his experience some of the strips fell off with use. He suggested that we determine what a two -year supply of each pin would require and move to engraving direct on the Badge. Information to be submitted to July Meeting.
- viii) **AGM Planning** – Date of 2019 AGM set as Saturday 24th August. Venues required from Regional Reps by July Meeting .
- ix) **Judging Credit for 2 Day comps.** – Brian advised that contact with Supervisory Judge had ascertained that original intent was to award 2 credits to Judges for Judging at two - day comps. Committee confirmed this in 2015. Jenni advised that she and Pat had gone

back over past two - day comps and corrected the credits back to 2015. She also indicated that they may have missed some adjustments and individual Judges were checking and if necessary further amendments would be made. Some discussion occurred re what should happen at Nationals when a third day of competition was involved. It was agreed that no back adjustment would occur for the possible 3rd day credit but in future if a Judge was involved in 3 days of Judging with the required minimum number of regular or Open races per day then credits would be given for all three days.

- x) **Lunchtime Training – who can participate** – Pat raised issue of whether Training in ring should be restricted to Beginner dogs and say dogs coming back from injury. It was pointed out by Jenni that in Qld it was not unusual to have a mix of beginner and experienced dogs in teams during the training period. It was accepted that different circumstances applied in different States - with NSW currently having large numbers of beginners and having to restrict the time in the ring. Agreed that Brian would look to what wording could be added to Policy to clarify situation.

Item 6 General Business.

- a) **Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee. Nil**

- b) **Report from Rules Sub Committee. Nil**

- c) **Report on Ulna Measuring System.** Steve had developed a design change that seemed to strengthen measures. He had obtained a small supply of parts and was in a position to upgrade all measures if they were sent to him. David advised that Tassie's measuring device was already on way to Steve. Brian advised he would post the broken NSW Measure asap. Victoria, SA and ACT measures were all working at present and would be progressively sent to Steve.

d) **Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.**

Steve advised via text that a proposal would be developed for discussion at July Meeting.

- e) **2019 Nationals update** — Jenny advised all going well and no new issues. She enquired as to when the AFA Subsidy of \$3000 for competitor trophies, prizes and awards could be paid. Committee by resolution agrees to process the payment.

ITEM 7 – New Business.

Lou raised a concern that the AFA decision to require all Competitions to have a minimum 3 -week gap between close date and competition date was not being enforced in all cases. She cited two recent examples where only a 2-week gap existed. Jenni advised these must have slipped through as she did check – it was agreed that if possible we should build into approval system an automatic check to ensure a minimum of 3 weeks was applied.

Item 8 Other Business.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 1st July 2019.** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.