

Minutes – Subject to final approval at July 2020 Meeting.
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 1st June 2020.

Present: Richard Mellon, Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Pat Byrne, Josh Ellen, Peter Samuels, Martin Watt, Konrad Moskal, Sam Brown, Michael Ashton, Shireen Pitt, Steve Pitt, Sally Elsom and David Strong.

Apologies: Frank Lux and Phil Lea.

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 two May Meetings
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End May Bank Balance
\$ 11376.65 plus invested funds of \$84142.71.

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

The Chair asked for the Committee to review the outstanding issues list.
Noted all matters are being actioned – Jenni to finalise Volunteer Associate Membership Form, Frank to finalise web documents update re Judges, Timekeepers and Stewards, Phil to develop Ulna Training video with input from Sam.

ITEM 3. Correspondences In and Out. Nil

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events

All Events continue to be suspended until further notice.

ITEM 5 – Admin Matter

I) New Members – Susan Walter and Geoff Tracey.

II) Exam Passes –

Stewards Exam – Chloe Crass 2519A.1 and Steph Betts CRN 2487.

Timekeepers Exam – Christa Mellon passed Theory component.

Provisional Judges Exam – Shell Gurney CRN 2388 past theory component.

li)Corona Virus update –

The Committee noted that there were 3 Competitions with scheduled entry close dates before the July Committee Meeting, viz, Woofers Flyball, Cool Runnings and Countdown to Nationals. Given the current restrictions the Committee decided to withdraw Sanction from these 3 competitions. The Committee to review the restrictions on later competitions at its July Meeting. The Committee noted that it appeared that any competition in the near future would probably need to be a restricted entry competition with a limit on both number of teams (possibly maximum

of 12) and number of people attending per team in order to restrict numbers to the envisaged 100 maximum.

In discussion it was confirmed that a decision regarding any postponement of the 2020 Nationals would be taken at the July Meeting in order to allow time for members to confirm accommodation and travel arrangements.

The Committee discussed the situation re the AGM that was normally held in August each year. It was noted that Access Canberra had advised that a 3-month extension had been granted to Associations to hold 2020 AGMs. It was decided that the 2020 AGM should be postponed till October or November, with a specific date to be fixed no later than the August Committee Meeting.

The Committee also reconsidered the Advice to Members issued in May and decided to reissue an updated advice that allowed training to be resumed in line with State restrictions and any necessary approvals of local authorities with control of grounds or the club's activities. Where these provisions allowed training to be conducted in multiple groups on the same ground this could occur.

Corona Virus situation to be reviewed at each Committee Meeting.

V) Defibrillators Purchase Update -

The Committee noted that the decision to acquire 4 Defibrillators for Qld, NSW, ACT and Victoria (with hire options to apply for Tasmania and SA) did not take into account the possibility of obtaining subsidies from State Governments for the purchases. In order to allow this option it was agreed that the current State Government situation re financial support should be explored prior to finalization of purchase. This may require a decentralized purchase situation in order to comply with State requirements. David agreed to review available information re State based support schemes and report to July Meeting.

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.

Steve advised that discussions had taken place with Committee members who has concerns re the wording of the Sponsorship Guidelines and the Website Editorial Guidelines and that an updated Editorial Guideline document had just been circulated to the Committee. Richard observed that the updated document did not seem to reflect the decision at the last Meeting to move to an "opt out" approach to members privacy constraints. Steve agreed to review document. Both documents were seen as "live" documents that would evolve with time and developments. Committee to reconsider both for approval at July Meeting.

Possible Dog Sport Spectacular.

Richard advised that he had been contacted by a gentleman interested in organizing a. dog sport spectacular involving a range of sports including flyball. He was envisaging a two day event that would be televised in 6 one hour shows. His current planning envisaged the event being in February 2021. Whilst it was early days in the planning at this stage all that was required of the AFA was to indicate in principal its interest in being part of any such event. The Committee agreed that we should express interest but require further details of how the event was to be organized and conducted in order to confirm our involvement. Richard to so advise.

ITEM 7 New Business.

- i) Frank had raised question of why the Manly Club was not listed on the AFA Web site. Pat confirmed that the Club had not applied for affiliation with AFA at this stage.
- ii) The matter of storage for matting was discussed and the current arrangements were confirmed to continue
- iii) David raised issue of Associate members not completing Membership applications that contained the agreement to be subject to the AFA Rules, Policies and Constitution. He asked how the AFA would deal with a discipline case involving an Associate. One view expressed was that the Full Member was responsible for the behaviour of their Association in same way as a guest of a member was in any Club. It was suggested that the Membership Form should be amended to include a reference to behaviour of Associates being responsibility of the Member. It was agreed that David would look at how best to deal with Associates, Volunteer Associates and also Life Members.

Item 8 Other Business.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 6th July** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.