

Minutes – Subject to final approval at 29th March 2021 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 1st March 2021.

Present: Richard Mellon, Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Josh Ellen, Michael Ashton, Sam Brown, Ben Royes, Sally Elsom, Belinda O'Shea, Konrad Moskal, David Strong, Jennifer Crane, and Frank Lux.

Apologies: Steve Pitt, Carmel Nottle, Pat Byrne, Drew Harrison.

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 February Meeting.
- 2) New Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End February Bank Balance \$ 6135.90 plus invested funds of \$74143.71.

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

February Action Sheet reviewed.

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

Nil

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events

- Comp and Demo – Belconnen - Nationals Day 3 Belconnen DC – Demos of Singles, Pairs, Beginners and Open Teams Racing. Monday 4th Oct 2021 Belconnen Dog Club
- Comp – Eastside Flyers and Hastings – 10/04/21 Hastings Athletics track High Street Hastings – (Open with handicap option, handicap option for regular, Champions Trophy, Training in ring).

ITEM 5 – Admin Matter

i) New Members – Chelsea Hindle, Robert Lawson , Mishca Portelli , Tina Keane, Nicola Grindley, Sally Morton , Demi Johnson , Ashley Hodgson ,Aiden Dean, Rebecca Murray, Nicole Quinn , Anya Withell , Joshua Fraser , Kirsty McMorrone

ii) Exam Passes –

Roberta Dean CRN 3282, Stewards pass.

Judy Gee CRN 3137, timekeepers exam pass

Tony Gee CRN 3137A.1, timekeepers exam pass

Gordon Charmers CRN 462, Level 2 Judge Pass (approved via email).

iii) Corona Virus update. Brian advised several further relaxations to NSW restrictions. All Regional Reps also advised current position in their State. All States were now able to resume competitions. Problem in Tassie in that return trips on ferry booked out till July – so interstate visitors unlikely for flyball.

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

iv) Printing of Certificates.

Deferred until April Meeting

v) Dog Honour Board update.

Deferred till April Meeting

vi) Review of Trophies.

Deferred till April Meeting

vii) Dual Venue Comp – Planning and Budget.

David advised that he hoped to circulate responses to Committee members questions shortly and to be able to provide further clarification as to how the concept of a dual or multiple venue competition would work. He indicated that the Sanction date of 28th March for the trial was still planned but that he recognized that it may be better to have another venue other than Tassie to avoid costs. He pointed out that given the problems with ferry return access he was very committed to utilizing the concept of a dual venue format in order to allow the Tassie April comp to take place. Without competitions being possible in the smaller States flyball would slowly decline. Both Weiners/Frankston and Keilor volunteered to be part of the March trial in place of Tassie.

viii) Life Member Nomination Form design.

Deferred till April Meeting

ix) National's update.

Committee received details of Judges shirt design – after review the Committee recommended that Judges names (first name rather than surname) be placed below the AFA logo on front of shirt and the JUDGE be placed where name was located on back. With these changes design approved. The Committee noted and approved the Sanction for Day 3 that included novelty events plus Open team racing.

x) On- Line Witness Reports.

Bel suggested that the AFA explore the development of an 'on line' Witness Report form in order to simplify and streamline the process of gathering Witness Statements when an incident occurred. Pat to check and advise costs.

Item 6 General Business.

i) Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.

The Sub Committee had met prior to this Committee Meeting to consider the incident involving Kevin CRN 3154A at the Belconnen competition on 27th Feb. The incident involved two Norwest dogs, Kevin and Rocket, lining up prior to start of a heat early in the day. Statements from the two owners and several witnesses indicated that as Rocket was being taken to his start position he passed Kevin who was lined up ready to run and Kevin turned his head and snapped as the dog went passed. Rocket was passing from the rear of Kevin who was being held by the collar. Rocket sustained a bite injury that required surgery and stiches. The Sub Committee took into account the fact that Kevin has been racing for 18 months and had no prior cards of any colour and had accumulated 115 points showing he was a reasonable experienced racing dog. The evidence also supported the view that Kevin reacted in surprise to what he saw as an invasion of his space and that a single snap and bite had occurred rather than any ongoing attack. In all circumstances the Sub Committee recommended that Kevin be placed on a 6 Month Probation with monthly Training Logs required showing reaction training. The Committee considered the recommended action. The two Norwest members of the Committee abstained from discussion and voting on recommendation. The remaining members of the Committee agreed to accept the recommendation. Secretary to advise member and Norwest Committee instructors. Given Club has a meeting on next night approval sought and given to advise outcome prior to release of Minutes.

ii)Report of Rules Sub Committee.

Nil to Report. Meeting will be arranged for next week.

iii)Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

It was expected that the new landing page would be previewed in a week or so.

ITEM 7 New Business.

Frank raised issue of whether there could be a review of the fact that it is currently possible on Entry Forms to list the same dogs CRN on two Regular team entries even though this is against the Rules. Pat to investigate any options to prevent dual listing of same dog in regular.

Josh raised for clarification whether it was acceptable for a dog to be measured by two different Judges at same comp. Clarification given that this had occurred at several comps and was not prevented by the measuring rules. Further clarification - to be measured dogs needed to be 18 months of age, with proof of birth date or if this was not the case to have been raced for at least 12 months.

Josh asked in Gordon Charmers could be formally advised on appointment to Level 2 Judge – Secretary to so advise.

Brian suggested that the Committee needed to finalise several matters regarding the Ulna Measure system – formally approve measure design and decide on production of additional measures. To be listed for discussion at April Meeting.

Item 8 Other Business.

Nil

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 29 March 2021(to avoid Easter Monday)** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.