

Minutes – Subject to final approval at April 2019 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 4th March 2019.

Present: Richard Mellon, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Frank Lux, Jenny Millar, Konrad Moskal, David Strong, Steve Pitt, Pat Byrne, Shireen Pitt, Robert MacDonald, Michael Ashton, Martin Watt and Lou Stephen.

Apologies: Sam Brown, Justin Allen

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) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End February Bank Balance \$7641.88 plus invested funds of \$82568.21.
- 4) Correspondence Out

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

Nil

ITEM 3. Correspondences In. NIL

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events Approved.

Comp – Norwest – 14/04/19 – Racing for Skype – Dog Grounds Castle Hill Showground (Open with Handicap option, Training in ring). Approved via email.

Comp - Awesome Pawsome – 26/05/19 – (Date changed from 11/05/19 to 26/05/19 after Meeting by email) - May the points be with you – RSPCA Wacol (Open with handicap, Regular handicap, Champions Trophy).

Comp – Wollongong WVs – 23/06/19 – Wonder woofs Flyball – Dapto Showgrounds (Open with handicap option, Handicap Regular, Lunch time training)

Comp – Belconnen – 08/06/19 - 09/06/19 – ACT State Titles – Winter Classic – Tuggeranong Archery Centre Soward Way Tuggeranong. (On Mats, Open with Handicap option, Champions Trophy

Comp – Wollongong WWs – 31/08/19 – Flyball by the seaside in Kiama – Kiama – (Open with handicap option, Handicap Regular, Training in ring) – two day comp – late start Sat/early finish Sunday.

Comp – RAHSSA – 7th Sept 2019 – Royal Adelaide Show Flyball – Dairy cattle Lawn Adelaide Show. (Open with Handicap option, Regular Handicapped, Training in ring).

Comp –Wollongong WWs – 10/11/19 – Wonder Woofs Flyball – Dapto Showground (Open with handicap option, Handicap regular, Training in break.

Demo – Tuggeranong – 24/03/19 – Bywong Car Boot sale – Les Reardon Reserve 67 Birriwa Rd Bywong.

ITEM 5 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members:

Megan O'Brien
Robyn Williams
Jill Oakman
Leah Jefferies
Lesley Brumley

ii) Stewards Exam Passes –Nil.

iii) Report on possible merchandise designs – Lou to circulate several design options before next Meeting.

iv) Public Liability Insurance issues. Brian reported on action after last Meeting – the new AFA Disclaimer loaded onto web; all Clubs notified of Club Disclaimer and requested to ensure members sign – Clubs to notify AFA once action completed – to date only 4

clubs had notified – Game on Flyball, Norwest, Ballarat and Awesome Pawsome. Suggestion made that Clubs receive a reminder notice re action required. Agreed. Brian also advised that a member had contacted him who had a Sports focused Insurance Broker who thought he might be able to obtain Member-to-Member cover. A brief had been provided to allow investigation. Lou asked if we had a list of the Insurance Companies that had been asked about cover. Brian advised that 4 different Brokers had sought quotes and all advised unable to obtain member cover but he did not have a list of companies approached. Lou asked could this be obtained from our Broker – Brian to follow up. Lou asked what action was being taken to contact members who did not register as a member of a Club to obtain Disclaimers. Pat advised that the Data Base contained details of all members without Clubs – would be about 6 in total. Suggestion made that they be sent Disclaimers.

v) Safety Policy Update – David reported that whilst it had been difficult to get the Sub Committee together at a Meeting they had managed to make a start on the development of an action plan. Existing AFA documentation had been reviewed and it was seen as likely that some amendments would be needed to Constitution, Rules, Guidelines, Manuals, Policies and Procedures. Two new policies have been drafted – Risk Management and Health and Safety Management. The Sub Committee was currently reviewing these. Once review completed the drafts would be circulated to Committee. The next stage, involving review of existing documentation, would take several months to complete. Developments would be sent to Committee progressively for feedback. Included in the documentation will be recommendations on how to disseminate and train our members on their roles and responsibilities in relation to risk management and mitigation in creating a zero-harm environment.

vi) Storage of AFA Equipment. It was suggested that the Committee do an update as to the process for storing

equipment in all States. Following information provided:

NSW – two sets of equipment held – one set tends to go from comp to comp with the next Club to hold a competition taking storage responsibility. Southern Cross Club currently holds this set. Second set is stored in Secretaries garage. One Heat stress meter had gone missing after Nationals – Lou advised that she had the meter.

Victoria – same process as in NSW – one set held by next Club and second set stored at Hastings Club House.

S.A. – all equipment stored with Martin;

ACT – all equipment stored at Belconnen Club House.

Tasmania – all equipment stored at Regional reps Garage. Tassie does not have an AFA First Aid Kit – (David authorized to procure), and had yet to receive an ulna measure.

Qld – the set of equipment tended to move from Club to Club in same way as NSW and Vic but was stored at Awesome Pawsome Club House at RSPCA during any long breaks between comps.

The Committee also discussed the storage of the old measuring wickets. NSW wicket stored at Norwest Club house; Victorian wicket is at Hastings Club House; SA at Martins; ACT at Belconnen; Tassie – does not have a wicket and Qld – currently at RSPCA but to be relocated to Regional Rep for storage. Noted that wickets no longer need to go to comps.

iv) **Problems with Victorian Light set** – Right pass pole. The Committee noted that at last comp a problem had emerged with the Right pass pole. A spare pole had been programmed but that pole also started to display problems. Suggestion made that system be checked to see if the problem was in the pole or possibly in the console communication. Jenny indicated she would take poles from the second set to

next comp as a back - up.

Item 6 General Business.

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

- b) **Report from Rules Sub Committee.** Sub Committee had a number of Items to review, including Training in ring, Contagious diseases, Handicap Rules in Open format and wording of Rule 1.4. Report likely for next Meeting.

- c) **Report on Ulna Measuring System.** Committee noted that it appeared that all of the plastic measures were currently broken except that Qld set. In the absence of Sam at this Meeting the position re replacement spares was not known – to be followed up. In order to better progress the ongoing development of the measures a Sub Committee was formed – membership – Josh (Chair), Phil Lea, Steve Pitt, Sam Brown and Frank Lux. Sub Committee to look at current design and also options for alternative systems. Matter is to be treated as urgent and early report to Committee requested. It was agreed that the metal proto type measures could be used if necessary – one was with Secretary and the other would be sent to ACT for their use. Tassie asked if they could get a measure well before Nationals so they could determine jump height of their dogs for Nationals entries.

- d) **Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.** Shireen reported that Premiership points table now showed the correct order of teams but some more work was needed re the points. Nothing else to report.

- e) **2019 Nationals** – Jennie reported on progress. The survey of likely teams had been analysed and it was now expected that about 40 teams would attend the Nationals, and on that basis only two Rings would be needed. Adequate parking was available at RSPCA and an adjacent business. Work had commenced on sponsorship and merchandise.

The Committee discussed Officials – after discussion the following Judges and AFA Reps were approved; Judges – Phil Lea, Steve Pitt, Lyn Clyde, Frank Lux and Josh Ellen.(Supervisor Judge to be confirmed)
AFA Reps – Brian Lindsay and Lou Stephen.
Jennie reported that they had sufficient good quality Timekeepers volunteered. They would like to look at training some dedicated stewards who were not AFA Members to reduce call on clubs to supply – issue of insurance discussed and it was agreed that the AFA could ensure any nominated stewards were given membership of the AFA if not already members.

Jenni asked about Light systems – 3 sets were needed so in addition to Qld lights sets from NSW and ACT would need to be transported to Qld.
Committee appointed Jennie as the Committee representative on planning Committee . Frank Lux volunteered to be the independent entry receiver.
Richard to follow up availability of Amanda Brown from NAFA to approve draw as independent person (confirmed post meeting).

– ITEM 7 – New Business.

Josh asked for some background to decisions at last Meeting re use of handicap format in Regular format – provided.

Item 8 Other Business.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 1st April 2019**. There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.25 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.