

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at June 2020 Meeting.
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting
held on 11th May 2020.**

Present: Richard Mellon, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Frank Lux, Josh Ellen, Peter Samuels, Phil Lea, Konrad Moskal, Michael Ashton, Shireen Pitt, Sally Elsom and David Strong.

Apologies: Jenny Millar, Pat Byrne, Steve Pitt, Martin Watt and Sam Brown.

Meeting Opened at 7.30 pm via Go to Meetings Conference.

The Meeting noted that there were only two Items of Business viz: Item 1 review of draft simplified Rules documents – Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5. Item 2 Review of Corona Virus restrictions update after Federal Cabinet announcement.

ITEM 1. Review of Draft Rules.

The Committee was joined for this discussion by Paul Newman who had been heavily involved in the drafting of the amended Rules document. The President handed the Meeting over to David Strong as the Chair of the Rules Sub Committee. David lead the meeting through the drafts noting points raised or suggestions for change. These would be considered by the Rules Sub Committee in its ongoing development of the revision of the Rules.

ITEM 2 Corona Virus Update.

The Committee noted the announced National Cabinet plan to lift restrictions progressively in a three Stage plan with each State and Territory Government responsible for deciding the timing and specific action within each Stage.

Under Stage 1 announced by National Cabinet groups of up to 10 people are to be allowed to gather together outdoors, including for community sport training. This will allow the resumption of flyball training, albeit with limited participation numbers.

Under Stage 2 of the National plan community sport may be resumed with a maximum group size of 20 participants – this will certainly make flyball training easier to organise but will not allow the resumption of any sanctioned activities such as competitions or demonstrations.

The exact timing of each Stage will be announced separately by State/Territory governments.

The Committee noted that as soon as a Flyball Club is in a position to comply with its State/Territory regulations it should be free to resume club training in line with the regulations. This is subject however to the Club also obtaining any necessary approvals from the authorities controlling their grounds – commonly local Councils and any restrictions imposed by ANKC State bodies if the club is a member of ANKC.

Whilst training can resume Clubs MUST ensure that all participants practice social distancing and maintain a distance of at least 1.5 meters apart. This may require team training to be undertaken in a different way to normal.

Where a Club decides to schedule staggered training times in order to accommodate more members than the limit imposed under the Stage it must ensure that members of the first group depart BEFORE the arrival of the second cohort to train. It is acceptable to have one or two people attend both to supervise equipment during the handover – those people however must be counted as part of the second group.

The Committee noted that at this stage it was not possible to approve the resumption of sanctioned activities such as Race Meetings. This may be possible under envisaged Stage 3 Restrictions where a limit of 100 participants is envisaged. Stage 3 is currently expected to be introduced by end July, but this is dependent on success of Stages 1 and 2. Even under Stage 3 plans this may require competitions in some States to be Limited Entry. Organisers should also consider requiring teams to limit attendance to those essential for racing (say 7 to 8 people per team).

Further guidance will be provided when more is known of the implementation of Stage 3 provisions. In order to comply with

social distancing care will need to be taken to ensure adequate gazebo/cabana space and that teams limit the number of people within each cabana.

The Secretary to draft a Notice to all Clubs outlining the above decisions and setting down a check list of requirements associated with any return to club training.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 1st June Normal meeting**
There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.
Signed as a true record.

President.