

Minutes – Subject to final approval at June 2019 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 6th May 2019.

Present: Richard Mellon, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Frank Lux, Jenny Millar, Konrad Moskal, Pat Byrne, Michael Ashton, R.MacDonald , Sam Brown, Lou Stephen and Martin Watt.

Apologies: J.Ellen, Steve and Shireen Pitt and David Strong.

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 April Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End April Bank Balance \$ 10605.62 plus invested funds of \$82568.21.
- 4) Correspondence Out

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

Nil

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

Email from Judge re Ulna Measure. – Dealt with under General Business.

Email from Judge re Judging Assignment credit. - Dealt with under New Business.

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events Approved*.

Comp – Keilor – 9th June 2019 – 2019 4 Legs Flyball – AJ Davis Reserve Fullarton Rd Airport West Vic. (Open, with handicap option, Regular Divs Handicap option, Training during Lunch).

Comp – Awesome Pawsome - 23/06/19 – Cause we can – RSPCA Wacol. On Mats – (Open – Regular with Handicap option – Training in break).

Comp – Para District – 29/06/19 – June Jaunt – Para Grounds Jenkins Reserve Salisbury SA (Open with Handicap option Training in ring).

Comp – Pine Rivers – 04/08/19 – P.R. Hot August Day – Rob Akers Reserve Bells Pocket Rd Strathpine. (Open with Handicap option)

Comp Para District – 26/10/19 – October Fair – Broadview Oval Collingrove Ave Broadview. (Open with handicap option Training in ring).

Comp - Berwick – 09/11/19 – Dandenong Drags Flyball – Dandenong Showground Greaves Reserve Bennet St Dandenong. (Open with Handicap option and Training in ring).

Comp – Pine Rivers – 09/11/19 – Annual Night at the Races – Rob Akers Reserve Bells Pocket Rd Strathpine. (Open with handicap option).

Demo – Crookwell Spud Dogs – 11/05/19 – Crookwell Potato Festival – Crookwell Showground East St Crookwell.

Demo – AFA but with Norwest co-ordinating – Sat15th June – Dogs On Show - Dogs NSW –Erskine Park Dog Complex. 4 Demos at 10am, 11.30, 1.00 and 2.30 p.m. Racing dogs and beginners welcome.

ITEM 5 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members*:

Melanie Kenny
Caleb Kinder
Christine Bruce
Cat Bartlett
Fiona Margaret
Wallis
Christine Waerner
Kathy Tisdale

Gail Kubeil

ii) **Stewards Exam Passes*** –

Carly Marsh CRN 3136A

Sharleen Davis CRN 2688

John Van der Ent CRN 3163

iii) **Timekeeper Exam ***– Written Exam pass – Peter Samuels CRN 2474.

iv) **Report on possible merchandise designs** – Lou asked for Pat to send her a good quality Logo. She would then circulate design options for Committee to consider.

v) **Safety Policy Update** – Deferred till June Meeting. Brian indicated that if change to Constitution were to be put to AGM wording would need to be finalized by end June.

vi) **Title Certificate Design** – Pat indicated she was looking at the design of the ANKC Certificates as a guide to possible new AFA Certificate designs. Suggestion made to use different colours to differentiate Certificates with the higher awards being a bit more up market. Pat to circulate.

vii) **Problems with Victorian Light set** – the Committee noted that the pass pole had not picked up early passes at a recent comp. It was suggested that when this happens a full diagnostic analysis to undertaken to check for interference, the pole then be replaced with the spare, checking the spare was correctly programmed to the correct frequency. Richard offered to circulate a Light Set Fault check list he was developing to assist in the check.

Item 6 General Business.

a) Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.

Sub Committee had dealt with one Report dealing with an incident involving Buddy CRN 2541A at the recent Hastings competition. The Sub Committee noted that contact had been made between dogs but no sign of injury and recommended that given Buddy had only two prior cards for crossing he be issued with a Warning letter type 1.
CARRIED.

b) Report from Rules Sub Committee.

1. Ulna Measuring for issue of height card.

Currently under Rule 6.1(d) re Ulna Measuring only one measurement is required to obtain a Height Card for a dog. However, with the differences seen during the initial trial measuring, the AFA Committee asked the Rules Sub-Committee to re-consider the number of measurements required to gain a Height Card.

The Sub Committee agreed that during the trial period measurements have varied, possibly due to the positioning of the dog's leg in relation to the sideways angle to its body, the position of the Carpal pad and the experience of the person taking the measurement.

The Sub-Committee accordingly recommends the following: Where a dog does not have a Height Card, measurements taken on a Race Day should apply only for that Race Meeting. To gain a height card, two completed Height Card Application Forms should be submitted. Each Form must record a measure based on measurement of both ulnas made by a competent Measurer (initially a Judge but potentially any suitably trained person), be witnessed by an experienced Flyballer such as the AFA Representative for the Race meeting or a Committee member, and be signed off by the dog owner. Two Forms may be completed at the same Race Meeting if two different Measurers are available. At least one of the Measurer or the Witness on every Form must be from a club other than the dog's owner's club.

The dog's handler may apply for a Height Card by submitting to the AFA two completed Height Card Forms with the same Jump Height. CARRIED (Given ulna system is still being

implemented Rule change will apply effective from date of Meeting).

Proposed rewording of Rules :

6.2 Height Cards are optional and may be applied for by submitting two completed application forms (see “Height Form” under the “Members” / “Forms” page on the AFA website) to the AFA. There are a number of requirements:

(d) A Height Card Application Form is considered complete when a dog has been measured in accordance with Section 6.1 by an officiating Judge, witnessed by the relevant Race Meeting AFA Representative or another Judge (whether or not officiating at the race meeting) or a Committee Member, and signed by the dog’s owner. At least one of the officiating Judge or the Witness must not be a member of the same Club as the owner of the dog being measured;

(e) Two completed Height Card Application Forms with matching Jump Heights measured by two different officiating Judges must be forwarded to the Secretary of the AFA with an application fee (refer to Appendix F – Schedule of Fees). The Height Card will be issued once the Forms have been verified and the payment received.

It was agreed that the above changes would be dealt with as amendments to the Ulna Rules and when notified to member’s reference would be included to indicate that no date had yet been set for commencement of height card issue. Object was to finalise the design of the measure before introduction.

2. Dog title points awarded for a tied heat

The Rules Sub Committee noted that currently there is no explicit ruling on the title points to be awarded to dogs in teams that run cleanly with the heat resulting in a tie.

The Sub-Committee agreed that it would be fair to award 2 title points to a dog in a team that had completed a clean run heat that had resulted in a tie.

The Sub-Committee recommends that 2 points be awarded to each dog racing in a heat where a clean run by both teams has resulted in the heat being tied. Rules 11.1, Appendix E 6 and Appendix D 9 need to be amended to reflect this change. CARRIED. (Rule Changes will be treated as a minor change and be implemented effective from 6th May 2019).

Amended wording:

Section 11.1 – Titles – Title Points System

Teams racing in an AFA sanctioned race meeting will receive 1 point towards their flyball title for each dog racing in that heat when all four dogs complete the heat correctly without requiring any reruns. If that team wins or ties the heat, each dog running will receive another 1 point towards their Flyball title.

Appendix D – VETERANS CLASS FORMAT

9. AFA Title points will be awarded to dogs in Veterans competition on the same basis as Regular Class, namely two points for a clean run win or tie and one point for a clean run.

Appendix E – OPEN CLASS FORMAT

6. AFA title points will be awarded to dogs in Open Class on the same basis as Regular Class, namely, two points for a clean run win or tie and one point for a clean run.

1. Report on Ulna Measuring System.

It was noted that all States had received replacement spares. Suggested that an update on the status of all measures be now produced. The Sub Committee was requested to organize the report. Sam advised that she had been advised that the steel replacement slide was ready and that she would send out once received. Richard stressed that it was now urgent to finalise the measure design. The Committee also noted the report from a Judge who had recently used the measure suggesting that the Committee look at a curved body

design to improve fit to ulna and that the width of the measure lines be reduced. He also pointed out that some dogs were reacting to the clicking sound of the measure passing lock teeth. It was pointed out that by depressing the top part of the slide it was possible to disengage the teeth and remove the sound. Suggestion made that the Sub Committee develop a written set of instructions on how to use the measure, including reference to the disengaging of the teeth where a dog was reacting.

2. Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

The Committee noted that two members had responded to the request to volunteer to join the Sub Committee to review how the AFA might improve electronic promotion of the sport. The expanded Sub Committee had just meet however no report was as yet available for Committee consideration. .

- 3. 2019 Nationals update —** Jenny advised that merchandise was being ordered and all was progressing well. Regarding the mats she reported that after measuring they would like approval to cut down 4 of the 70 ft rolls to 62 feet so that they did not need to be rolled up at end of run back as this was seen as a possible trip hazard. APPROVED. Frank asked what the plan was if any team was not happy to race indoors on mats. Jenny advised that the original submission indicated the plan to run the higher Divisions on mats and the remaining Divisions outdoors. It was planned to run up to the fastest 24 teams on mats. This information would be added to the information on the web so that all would know the planned format prior to entering. If after the draw was finalized any team did not want to run on mats they would be able to withdraw.

ITEM 7 – New Business.

Pat and Jenny drew attention to the fact that some people were not registering their own Open Team names but simply selecting a name from the list of Registered names on the web. This had resulted in a situation where there were two teams using the same Open name at two comps held on the same day. Whilst the Committee noted

that team names should be registered by the proposing club the current situation was not causing a problem so at this stage no action would be taken.

Item 8 Other Business.

The Committee noted the email from a Judge pointing out that the Judging progression rules allowed trainee Judges to receive two days credit for judging at a two-day competition however accredited judges only received a single day credit and that this seemed illogical. Committee agreed to seek comment from the Supervisory Judge who was part of the team that had developed the new progression system prior to considering issue.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 3rd June 2019**. There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9. 20 p.m.
Signed as a true record.

President.