

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at June 2020 Meeting.
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 4th
May 2020.**

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

Apologies: Nil

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
\$ 11831.89 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 – Pat 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.

- 1) Notice of resignation of member – the Committee noted the advised resignation of a member dated 8th April 2020 and in line with the AFA Constitution formally accepted that resignation.
- 2) Email from member complaining about a social media post on a Club Facebook page that contained a derogatory reference to another flyball club. (Dealt with as New Business).

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events

All Events continue to be suspended until further notice.

ITEM 5 – Admin Matter

I) New Members -nil

II) Exam Passes – nil

iii)Expressions of Interest – 2021 Nationals

The Committee noted the advice from the Victorian consortium that if it was necessary to defer the 2020 Nationals it would be possible to reschedule the event to the Easter weekend in 2021 (3rd, 4th and 5th April 2021) at the Frankston Club grounds. Based on this advice and recognizing that this would allow a 6 - month separation between 2021 Nationals which were scheduled for 2nd, 3rd and 4th October, the Committee confirmed its decision at the April Meeting to award the 2021 Nationals to the Belconnen Club.

iv)Corona Virus update –

The Committee noted that all Sanctioned events up until 27th June had been cancelled. The need for further cancellations would be considered at the Committee's June Meeting. In discussion it was noted that a decision regarding possible postponement of the 2020 Nationals needed to be taken by no later than the July Meeting in order to allow time for organisers to plan and for members to confirm accommodation and travel arrangements. Consideration may be assisted by decisions of the National Cabinet when they released details of sport reintroduction. Matter to be reviewed at each Committee Meeting.

V) Defibrillators Submission Update -

David submitted the results of his further investigation into defibrillator acquisition. He had been able to confirm that it was possible to hire defibrillators for specific events. He recommended that an easy to use brand was the Heartstart HS1 which came with signage, a mounting bracket and online training for up to 10 people. These were available from St Johns at a cost of \$2650 per unit. They had an 8 year warranty, 4 year battery shelf life and the adult pads had a 2 year life. He also recommended that an AED Ready kit (with items to prepare the patient) be purchased for each unit at a cost of \$20 per kit. The Committee, after discussion, agreed to purchase 4 Defibrillators and 4 AED Ready kits for use at all Sanctioned AFA Events in Qld, NSW, ACT and Victoria at a cost of \$ 10,680. Defibrillators for S.A and Tasmania events to be hired by AFA, recognizing the smaller number of events in these two States. Purchase to be arranged by David in due course.

Item 6 General Business.

Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.

Nil to report

Report of Rules Sub Committee.

The Sub Committee had submitted a series of draft update of the initial Sections (Sections 1 to 5) of the Rules of Racing for Committee review and comment. In order to effectively consider

these drafts the Committee agreed to schedule a Special Committee Meeting for Monday the 11th May 2020.

Report on Ulna Measuring System.

Secretary reported that he had still to post out the Tasmania ulna gauge.

Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

Steve asked permission for Ben Royes, who had drafted the Website Editorial Guidelines, to join the Meeting for the discussion on the Draft - Agreed. Initial discussion was related to the questions of how best to deal with permission to use member's names and images in Articles and accompanying photos. Options included both an "opt in" and "opt out" approach associated with membership renewals. After discussion it was agreed that an "opt out" approach was preferable from an administrative viewpoint. Members to be required to acknowledge granting approval to use their names and images unless they specifically requested confidentiality. Any such requests to be submitted to the Secretary of AFA for action. Issues of copyright, acknowledgement, and privacy also considered. After discussion agreed that minor changes to the Draft would be made to reflect discussions and the document then recirculated. Noted that the Membership approval process also needed to be updated to include the approval to use names and images and to reflect the opting out process where this was not acceptable.

The Sub Committee had also submitted draft wording of AFA Sponsorship Guidelines – Committee members asked to review draft and offer any comments to Steve prior to June Meeting.

ITEM 7 New Business. The Committee noted the email from a member complaining about a social media post on a Club Facebook page that contained what was considered to be a derogatory reference to another flyball club. The Committee discussed how best to deal with this matter and after discussion agreed that the Secretary would write to the Club Co-ordinator requesting that the offending posting be amended by deletion of the derogatory reference or alternatively be totally withdrawn and that the club ensure no further derogatory or homophobic comments directed at other AFA Clubs or members be posted on its site.

Item 8 Other Business.

Richard raised the issue of how the AFA would deal with the process of restarting club training and sanctioned activity in each State and Territory once restrictions were lifted. It was noted that it was likely that different States would adopt different timelines and requirements in order to resume sporting activities. There was also the issue that some clubs were members of State ANKC Bodies and would be bound by their decisions as well as State requirements. It was further pointed out that

local bodies that control club training grounds may also impose conditions. Clubs would have to be able to ensure that they complied with all legal requirements. It was suggested that Clubs be required to notify the AFA of their intention to resume activity when they were in a position to meet all requirements. It was noted that the National Cabinet was due to consider relaxing restrictions on sporting activities at its upcoming meeting and that clarification might assist consideration of how best the AFA might proceed. Agreed to list matter for further discussion at 11th May Meeting when Federal decisions may be available.

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 11th May special 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.