

Minutes – Subject to final approval at November 2016 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd October 2016.

Present: Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Julie Pamplin, Jennifer Crane, Shireen Pitt, Steve Pitt, Frank Lux, Jo Grant, Robyn Ferguson, Anne Coleman, Carolyn Shrives, and Candice Leighton.

Apologies : Richard Mellon, Pat Byrne, Josh Ellen, Catherine Stroop and Phil Lea.

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 September Meeting
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End September Bank Balance \$16587 plus Invested funds of \$52985.87.
- 4) Correspondence Out.

ITEM 2 Correspondence In.

- Email from Phil re Supervising Judge – see below
- Email from Rodney re Mats storage – see Item 4 below

ITEM 3 Sanctioned Events Approved.

Comp – Dover Gardens – Sat 5th Nov 2016 – Spring Fling – Mitchell Park Reserve Quick Rd S.A. (Open Racing – Handicap event, lunch time training.)

Comp – Wollongong Wonder Woofs – Sunday 4th Dec 2016 – Summer Woofs Flyball – Venue TBA – (open and Training in Ring).

Comp - Eastside – 26th March 2017 – Ringwood Highland and Flyball Games – Ringwood East Football Grounds – Dublin Rd east Ringwood.

Comp – Hastings – 2017 Australian National Championships – 14th to 16th April 2017 – Hastings Athletic Track Westernport Secondary College Hastings.

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 21st October 2016 – Royal Hobart Show Grounds Brooker Highway Glenoreochy at 5pm.

ITEM 4 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members:

Nathalie Casalaina
Rochelle Pincini
Nicci Torres
Susi Klimes
Grace Sugiri
Margie Popovic

ii) Stewards Exam Passes *- nil advised

iii) Timekeepers Exam Passes * nil advised

iv) Consideration of ways to honour memory of Les Scott

The Committee received a report for Frank Lux suggesting that Les be remembered and honoured by the introduction of a new Title at 713 points (which was Les's CRN). The 713 Title would replace the current 700 points titles so no significant change to entitlements. Franks submission also suggesting a number of other changes to the current Title Points numbers in order to even out the steps at the lower end of the scale (suggestions – Australian Flyball Champion title moves from 150 points to 100; Flyball Masters Title moves from 400 to 200; Flyball Masters Excellent title moves from 700 to 400 and new titles for Les comes in at 712 points). Point made that given the significance of changes to Title points the proposals should be put to members for reaction and comment before implementation. There was also the issue of what to specifically name the new title in Les's honour. Suggestion made to simple call it the Les Scott title. Other suggestion was

that the Southern Cross Club be asked to suggest an appropriate name for the title. Motion put and CARRIED that the Southern Cross Club be consulted re Title name and that the changes to the Title Points then be submitted to members for approval via some form of ballot. Frank to contact Southern Cross and come back to Committee in November.

v) Storage of Victorian matting.

The Committee noted the request from Rodney Gooch to find an alternative storage area as soon as possible for the Flyball matting currently stored in the Kong storage area in Victoria. Secretary advised that he had received an informal input from an ACT Club as to the possibility of relocating the matting to ACT as there was a indoor venue available at EPIC and location of matting in ACT would encourage clubs to host indoor comps. Question asked – was there an alternate storage venue in Melbourne – Secretary advised that Josh as Victorian Regional Rep was investigating. Steve suggested that the AFA Hire a storage facility in Melbourne in order to quickly relocate the matting. Anne advised that she was aware of a hire storage facility that she may be able to obtain discounted charges from – agreed Anne to explore and advise monthly costs. Secretary agreed to email Rodney to see if the matting could be left in store till the November Meeting so that time was available to explore all options. Ant proposal from ACT could then also be considered at November meeting.

vi) Lights power cords kit bag needed for Qld.

Candice had advised that the Qld Lights required a new storage bag for power cords, bases and other items. She asked for approval of the purchase of a suitable bag similar to to the new ACT bag. Committee agreed to authorize purchase up to a costs of approx. \$200.

5. General Business;

(a)**Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee** – Nil to Report

(b)**Report from Rules Sub Committee** – No Meeting as yet so nil to Report.

(c) Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.

Steve as Sub Committee Chair asked for approval to appoint Anne Liebecks as Secretary of Sub Committee – agreed. The Committee noted the draft submission prepared by the Sub Committee seeking members input into and monitoring off Sub Committee discussions and progress. This was seen as desirable so that members were aware of what the Sub Committee was considering and could, if they wished, make comment or input to their discussions. Committee agreed to proposal – Sub Committee now to finalise the submission to members and resubmit for clearance before release to Members.

(d) 2016 Nationals Report.

The Committee noted the post event Report that included comment on both the outcome and the financial situation re the Championships. The Committee thanked both Norwest Thunderdogs and Sydney Psychos on a very well organized and run National Championship. The Committee discussed the level of financial support given by the AFA to the Organisers to assist with costs of providing Trophies, Medallions and/or badges for competitors. With 50 teams (including 3 Open Teams) and 11 Regular Divisions and one Open Division the costs of Medallions and Competitor Badges in 2016 cost organisers \$3300. Discussion was taken under this Item as to question of ongoing AFA support for Nationals now that Purina cash support was no longer available. After discussion Motion was proposed that AFA continue to support Nationals in the form of a cash contribution to provide Trophies, Medallions and the like in the sum of \$3000 – support to be reviewed if AFA found a replacement Sponsor for Nationals willing to contribute to provision of prizes. CARRIED. Steve raised the issue of whether the AFA should also be willing to assist future organisers in meeting costs of reserving a backup indoor venue so that if wet weather was encountered the event could be moved to the indoor venue. Concerns expressed re the practical issues of relocating Nationals at last minute and the likely costs of reserving a indoor venue that may or may not be

used. After some discussion matter left open for further consideration if seen as warranted. The Committee noted that the current Nationals Planning Guidelines did allow organisers to seek AFA support to under right a level of costs if event had to be cancelled in totality.

Frank raised the issue of need to better notify members of available First Aiders at Competitions. Suggestion that we include need to have nominated first aid people available at all competitions (not necessarily St.Johns but someone who was capable of applying basic first aid) and to announce who that was at Captains Meeting. Agreed to include First Aid in revised Competition Guidelines document.

(e) Expressions of interest – Supervising Judge.

The Secretary reported that as at the close date (end September) for expressions of interest he had received one application to undertaking the Supervisory Judges responsibilities for the following two years. The applicant was Phil Lea a Level 1 Judge. Several members of the Committee indicated that the current Supervisory Judge has advised them that she had submitted an expression of interest in continuing in the role. The Secretary indicated he had no record of receiving an expression from Sue Norton. Committee agreed that Secretary should contact Sue to see if she had submitted an expression prior to close of date and if so to obtain a copy of that submission. On the basis that there may be two applications a Sub Committee was formed to undertake interviews with candidates and make recommendations re appointment. It was noted that Supervisory Judges current term ended in November 2016. Sub Committee nominations agreed being Robyn, Anne and Shireen.

(f) On Trail - Judges Accreditation Process.

The Committee noted that the Judges Accreditation process developed by a Sub Committee in 2015 had now been On Trial for just over a 12 month period. The On Trial process was due to end in October 2016. The Committee agreed to extend the Trail until end 2016 in order to allow the incoming Supervisory Judge to consider whether any changes needed to be made to the process. Frank indicated that he would also like to make

some suggestions re process having recently undertaken the Judges accreditation process.

(g)Ongoing Nationals Funding for Trophies/ Medallions.

Item covered under 5(d) above.

ITEM 5 – New Business

Nil New Business.

ITEM 6 - General Business.

Julie advised that a Member had raised with her concerns that entire bitches in season may not be picked up by Judges simply undertaking a blood wipe test. Committee considered that Judges were not vets and that the current test was likely at the extent of their competence.

Next Meeting Monday 7th November 2016. Secretary gave apologies – Shireen agreed to undertake Secretary role.

There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

Vice President.