

Minutes – Subject to final approval at November 2018 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 1st October 2018.

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

Apologies: Josh Ellen.

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 \$ 12886.02 plus invested funds of \$82568.21.
- 4) Correspondence Out

ITEM 2. Matters Arising

- Monitoring of Retraining Logs – Shireen reported that she had established a monitoring system where by members with reporting requirements could be tracked and receipt of reports recorded. She had sent this to Martin, together with a Handbook of Sub Committee procedures. Martin advised he had received documents but had not yet had chance to read.
- AFA Merchandise options – Lou indicated she was willing to explore what options existed for AFA to have merchandise available which could via sales promote the AFA. View expressed that past experience had proven that problem was encountered when stocks of product were involved. Suggestion made that we should look at items where stocks were not needed to be advance purchased. Lou to investigate further and report back.

ITEM 3. Correspondences In.

Two items taken under New Business in Agenda.

ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events Approved.

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 06/10/18 – 10 Smith St Burnie.

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 20/10/18 – 9 Marlborough St Longford

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 11/11/18 – 325 Brighton Rd Brighton

Training Day with Lights – Berwick – 27/10/18 – McKenzie Lane Narra Warren

Comp – Dover – 17/11/18 – Dovember Classic – Mitchell Park Reserve SA (Regular handicapped, Vets, Open with handicap option Training in ring).

Comp – Belconnen – 24/11/18 – No frills with the Bullets – Flemington Rd Mitchell ACT (Open with handicap option and Training in ring).

Comp – Ballarat – 01/12/18 – Santaball, Military Drive Victoria Park Ballarat (Open with Handicap option, training in ring).

Comp – All Paws Airborne – 15.12/18 – An Airborne send off – RSPCA Wacol – on matts (Open with handicap option & Training in ring).

Comp – Awesome Pawsome – 31/03/19 – March Madness – Wacol (On mats – Open with handicap option, Champions Trophy, Training in ring).

Comp – Orange Krush – 27/04/2019 – The Pineapple Cup – Beerwah Showground Sportsground Drive Beerwah Qld. (Vets, Open).

Comp – Belconnen – 06/07/19 – Epic Advance Dog Extravaganza – Fitzroy Pavilion Exhibition Park Mitchell (on mats, Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – Belconnen – 07/07/19 – Epic Advance Dog Extravaganza – Fitzroy Pavilion – Mitchell (on mats, Open with handicap option, Training in ring).

ITEM 5 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members:

Helen Twyman
Emma Milharcic
Eve Hopp
Kathi Gheresi
Rebekah Davis
Jordyn Dehnert
Andrew Laidlaw
Sandra Koch
Marguerite
Beasley
Charlie Bowman

ii) Stewards Exam Passes – Nil

iii) Timekeepers Written Exam Pass – Nil

iv) Update re Supervisory Judge – Brian reported that after discussions with Phil Lea he had agreed to an extension of his term for a further 12 months and would continue as Supervisory Judge till end October 2019. Committee indicated thanks to Phil for his willingness to continue in role.

v) Asset control – Justin reported that several options existed for free asset tracking systems involving computerized tags that could be scanned and recorded for control purposes. A decision was needed as to at what level we would apply tags – say on individual items of the Lights or just on boxes and bags. Concern expressed that any recording system had to be practical recognizing that hand over can occur at end of competitions.

This suggested that boxes and bags should be the tagging level. Richard suggested that such a system, couple with a photo record of what should be held in each box would be appropriate. Also decisions needed as to what constitutes an asset to be tagged. Do we use to control assets such as the Lights sets that are hard to replace or all assets including flags, First aid kits and the like. Justin agreed to continue to investigate practical options and to prepare a more comprehensive report with recommendations.

- vi) Report on Nationals – Frank reported on the outcome of the Nationals. He observed that the Friday had run very late and that the Saturday was difficult due in part to the very strong wind throughout the day. The Champions Trophy had had to be cancelled on Day 3 due to lack of time. Problems were encountered with communications between Ring Caller and the rings with difficulties at times in recognizing which teams were in the ring. Sponsorship follow up was also an issue which some sponsors not delivering on promises made quite a time before the competition. There were lots for dog registered for training in the ring – over 50 and due to time limits the Sunday period had to be cancelled. Richard requested that Frank prepare a Lessons learned list that could be made available to subsequent Nationals organisers as an aid to planning. Concern was raised that in doing the draw it was important to identify where a complete round robin occurred – at Kiama in Division2 it did not occur until the Sunday. Frank suggested that in future at least a two month lead time was desirable between close of entries and the event so that Organisers had more time for paperwork and finalizing running orders. The Committee noted that the Nationals had been a sound success and thanked Wollongong for all their efforts – a great job by a small club.
- vii) AFA Representatives Group Proposal - Lou proposed forming a Representatives discussion

group to allow exchange of views on matters such as draws. Agreed that an informal Group be set up including all Regional Reps.

Item 6 General Business.

- a) **Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.** Martin reported that he was Group Chair but a Secretary had yet to be appointed. The Sub Group had dealt with one Black Card – involving dog 3021 A. The dog had crossed and interfered with another dog in what appeared to be an aggressive manner but no contact had occurred. The dog was new to Flyball and the Sub Committee had recommended a No Finding be recorded in line with the protocol. CARRIED. Martin to inform owner. Shireen pointed out that proforma letters were on the Information kit she had supplied to Martin.
- b) **Report from Rules Sub Committee.** Frank advised that he was Chair but had yet to organise a Meeting to deal with the 4 Items before the Sub Committee due to work load of Nationals. Meeting would be arranged shortly.
- c) **Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.** Steve reported that Sub Committee had exchanged some background papers but had yet to meet and had not yet elected Chair – Justin had agreed to take on Secretary role.

ITEM 7 – New Business.

- Request from Psychos Club to hire AFA Matting for a Flyball seminar to be given by a NAFA member in May 2019 at the undercover area of the Castle Hill Dog Grounds. The early request was submitted as the Club needed to lock in dates and book the undercover area. The request to access the AFA matting had been agreed by the Committee via email, recognising that the activity was a Flyball training seminar and hence an acceptable use for AFA matting. The issue of rental fee had been briefly discussed with some members expressing the view that no charge should be made given that the

Seminar was likely to benefit members from a number of clubs. It was noted that Psychos intended to charge for the seminar and had suggested a \$200 hire fee as appropriate. Several members indicated that a small hire fee was appropriate in the circumstances, as the seminar would have to have a limited attendance. After discussion it was moved that a \$200 hire fee apply and that Psychos be responsible for transport and tape.
CARRIED.

- Submissions by members re Judging inconsistencies - comments received and after discussion agreed that reports be referred to Supervisory Judge for discussion with Judges.

Item 8 Other Business. Sam reported that she was progressing the ulna measure device and should have a full report on the design development and costs for the next Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting- Monday 5th November 2018. There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.
Signed as a true record.

President.