

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at November 2020 Meeting.**

**Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 5th October 2020.**

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

**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 September Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End September Bank Balance \$ 1906.44 plus invested funds of \$84142.71.

### **ITEM 2. Matters Arising**

The Committee reviewed the Action Sheet for September.

### **ITEM 3. Correspondences In.**

Email from member suggesting that the Rules Ballots be deferred till more experience with On Trial rules is obtained. Considered under New Business.

### **ITEM 4 Sanctioned Events**

Belconnen – Training Day with Lights – 24/10/20 – Belconnen Dog Club Sandford St Belconnen. (Open to all Members and no fee planned – Lights supplied at no fee.)

### **ITEM 5 – Admin Matter**

#### **I) New Members – NIL**

- II) **Exam Passes** – Stewards Exam – Mirella Taylor CRN 2800 passed.

**lii) Corona Virus update** – The Committee noted that the recommendation from NSW Health re restrictions on travel to sports events from different regions of the State of NSW had been withdrawn thus allowing competitions in NSW to be conducted. Restrictions had also been reduced in other States however Victoria still had lockdown in Melbourne area. The Committee agreed to review situation again at its November Meeting.

**iv) Information for AGM.**

The Committee Noted that one Member Motion had been received at close date. The Motion suggested that the minimum age for dogs to compete in flyball be raised to 18 months. Three letters of support were submitted with the motion. The Motion would be submitted for member vote at the AGM and required a three- quarter majority to be adopted. Motion and Support statements to be placed on web. In discussion the Committee agreed to draw to members attention the fact that members can make submissions to the Committee at any time to consider changes in Competition Rules. Any such submission would be considered by the Rules Sub Committee and could, if supported be introduced at On Trial Rules.

Voting on the 3 On Trial Rules had closed and all 3 Rules had received unanimous support with one Informal vote.

Nominations for Committee do not close until 9<sup>th</sup> October.

In line with the request to Clubs and Members venues for the AGM had been nominated. Details to be uploaded to Web. There will be 1 venue in ACT, 4 in NSW, 5 in Qld, 1 in SA and 1 in Tasmania plus 22 Zoom links in Vic.

**Item 6 General Business.**

**Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.**

Nil to Report.

**Report of Rules Sub Committee.**

The Committee noted that the clarification review of the Rules was continuing and that a further special meeting of the Committee would be arranged shortly to further progress the consideration of the second package of redrafted Rules. The Rules Sub Committee submitted 4 recommendations for deletion of superseded sections of the Rules. These were all seen as minor changes that could be implemented by adoption of Committee and then included in the Rules clarification update. The changes are:

- Section 1.1 (f) (ii) Delete pee wee class from the list of non-regular classes
- Section 1.1 (g) (ii) Delete the requirement to send entry forms to the AFA in the post-race meeting bundle
- Section 1.1 (g) (iv) Delete the need to send the register of honorary members to the AFA in the post-race meeting bundle
- Section 7 (c) (iii) Delete the requirement for a slower team to forfeit where a club has two teams in a race and one has to forfeit.

All 4 recommendations approved for implementation in the proposed Rules simplification rewrite.

The Rules Sub Committee also reported on its consideration of a comprehensive Policy on charging for use of Lights and Mats. For non- competition use ( demonstrations, Training Days, and Schools/workshops) the Rules Sub Committee recommended a flat fee of \$50 a day for mats and \$ 100 for Lights. In discussion members of the Committee expressed different views for the treatment of charging for access to equipment. Views were expressed that Demonstrations and Training days were designed to showcase the sport of flyball and that access to equipment for these events should be at no charge. The alternative view was expressed that some level of charge was appropriate to allow for wear and tear and possible damage during use. A view was expressed that where use was for a workshop/school that involved substantial attendance fees to recover costs like overseas travel and instruction fees then a more substantial access fee should apply. The question was raised as to ongoing policy re access by non AFA organisations like Dog Shows – general consensus that the AFA policy should continue to be that the AFA not hire its

equipment to non AFA users. After discussion it was agreed to refer matters back to Rules Sub Committee for further consideration.

**Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.**

Nil to report.

**ITEM 7 New Business.**

The Committee considered the email request to defer the on trial Rule changes to allow more time to experience the rules. Given that the voting on the Rules had closed on the day on submission of the request and that the 3 Rules amendments had received unanimous approval the Committee saw no reason to defer the introduction. The Member vote was endorsed.

**Item 8 Other Business.**

Date of Next Meeting- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed as a true record.

President.