

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at October 2018 Meeting.**  
**Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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, Robert MacDonald, and Josh Ellen.

**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 August Meeting.
- 2) Renewals of Memberships
- 3) Treasurers Report. End August Bank Balance \$ 15298.05 plus invested funds of \$82568.21.
- 4) Correspondence Out

**ITEM 2 Correspondences In.**

- email from Member re new measuring Rules. The Committee noted the email and the concerns expressed – it was decided to refer the email to the Rules Sub Committee for consideration as part of the process of implementing the ulna measuring approach.
- Email from member re availability of 000 Badges for Qld comps. See New Business.

**ITEM 3 Sanctioned Events Approved.**

Comp – Eastside – 14/10/2018 – Pets Day Out 2018 – Ballam Park Frankston (Open with handicap option)

Comp – CDC – 27/10/18 – ACT CDC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race Meet – Jerrabomberra Lane Symonston. (Open with Handicap option, Training in ring).

Comp – Berwick – 10/11/18 – Dandy Drags – Dandenong Showgrounds Greaves Reserve Dandenong \_ (Open with handicap option and Training in ring).

Comp – Tuggeranong – 10/11/18 – Fun in the Sun – Tuggeranong Grounds Rowland Rees Cres Greenway (Open with Handicap option, Training in ring – this is a twilight comp starting at 4 pm under lights).

Comp – Dover Gardens – 17/11/18 – Dovember Classic – Mitchell Park Reserve (Open Handicap).

Comp – Bass Coast – 12/01/19 – Wonthaggi Ag Show – Korumburra Rd Wonthaggi (Open with Handicap option,).

Comp – Bass Coast – 09/02/19 – Korumburra Ag Show – South Gippsland Hway. (Open with Handicap option, Training in Ring).

#### **ITEM 4 – Admin Matters.**

i) New Members:

Jade Harris  
Michael Ireland  
Sarah Hill-Murray  
Carolyn Hill-  
Murray  
Alana Johnstone  
Kate Jones  
Valarie Willmet  
Sam Hartnett  
Antoinette Truswell  
Sylvia McGovern

ii) Stewards Exam Passes – Julie Terry CRN 3011,  
Dianna Penman CRN 2779

- iii) Timekeepers Written Exam Pass – Vicky Thorncroft CRN 2793. A1
- iv) Allocation of Sub Committee roles to Committee Members plus appointment of Public Officer.

After discussion the following allocations were agreed:

Richard Mellon – President & Rules Sub Committee;  
Brian Lindsay - Secretary  
Jenny Millar – Vice President & Dog Incident Sub Committee  
Pat Byrne - Treasurer & Web Development Team  
Shireen Pitt –Rules Sub Committee and Development Sub Committee  
Konrad Moskal – Dog Incident Sub Committee  
Sam Brown – Rules Sub Committee, Development Sub Committee and Work Book Check  
Steve Pitt – Development Sub Committee  
Justin Allen – Development Sub Committee  
Jennifer Crane - Web Development Team & Work Book Check  
Frank Lux – Rules Sub Committee  
Michael Ashton – ACT Rep & Public Officer  
Martin Watt – S.A. Rep & Dog Incident Sub Committee  
David Strong – Tassie Rep  
Josh Ellen – Vic Rep, Dog Incident Sub Committee, Dev Sub Committee and Work Book Check.  
Louise Stephen - NSW Rep & Dog Incident Sub

## Committee

Robert MacDonald - Qld Rep.

The 3 Sub Committee are :

Rules – Frank, Richard, Shireen, Sam plus Paul Newman;

Dog Incident – Martin, Jenny, Konrad, Louise, & Josh

Development – Steve, Shireen, Sam, Justin & Josh.

Sub Committees to agree on Chairs and Secretaries.

- v) Report on AGM – implementation of Ulna measuring system.

The Committee discussed what action was needed to implement the new measuring system. It was agreed that there were 3 main aspects viz. i) finalising the design and sourcing manufacturers for the required measuring devices; ii) drafting and approval of the Rules under which the new process would operate and iii) deciding on who can perform measuring and ensuring training in the new process.

Sam advised that she had updated a prototype and would bring to Nationals for Committee to review, she had also made enquiries as to possible manufacturers and had an indicative quote for laser printer manufacturer at around \$80 per device. It was agreed that Sam would continue to investigate production options and report to next Meeting.

Drafting of the Rules, including the input in the members email, was referred to the Rules Sub Committee;

In considering who should be able to perform measuring it was agreed that ulna measuring devices should be issued to Judges and that all AFA Judges should be trained to undertake ulna measures.

- vi) Applications - Supervisory Judge

No applications received. Secretary to follow up possible extension of current Supervisory Judges term for a further

year. It was agreed that there was a need to consider how to attract more members to become Judges – referred to Development Sub Committee.

vii) Expressions of interest 2019 Nationals and 2020 Nationals.

The Committee noted the only application of interest received for the 2019 Nationals was from Awesome Pawsome in Qld. They had put forward a comprehensive proposal for hosting the Nationals with proposed dates of 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 or alternatively 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019- both dates being in school holidays. Venue was proposed as RSPCA Campus Wacol. Venue included the undercover arena plus grassed area for two Rings and a cabanas area.

The Committee discussed how best to use two different surfaces and concluded that it would be preferable for Divisions to be allocated to either indoor or outdoor surfaces and not to mix running surfaces within any Division.

After discussion the Awesome Pawsome submission was adopted, initially with preferred dates of 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July. Upon checking it was determined that the July dates were the same as the dates for the ACT EPIC two day competition. Awesome Pawsome agreed to move the Nationals to the September dates of 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September. (The revised September date was approved by the Committee post meeting via email).

The Committee also noted the early submission from Berwick and Frankston Clubs in Victoria advising that they were planning on bidding to host the 2020 Nationals at the Dandenong Show in November 2020. The Committee noted the early interest and thanked the Clubs for the early advice. The Committee agreed that it should still call for any further expression of interest re the 2020 Nationals late this year.

viii) Asset control

The Committee discussed options for improved asset control, particularly of the assets like flags, banners, first

aid kits, measuring wickets and the like as well as components of the Signature Light sets. It was pointed out that a complete stocktake of assets had not been done for a number of years and that the assets listing was now out of date and needing updating to show assets and locations. Agree Regional reps would check, list and record items like power cords, banners, etc. Justin offered to look into ways to maintain appropriate asset control, including options for tagging and identification. Secretary agreed to distribute last stocktake list for updating.

#### **Item 5 General Business.**

- a) **Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.** Nil to report.
- b) **Report from Rules Sub Committee.** Frank advised that the Sub Committee had 4 items to consider – a further review of fouling in the ring rules; review of the Training in the Ring Guidelines; a review of the Rules re declared seed times and the ulna measuring system.
- c) **Report from Sub Committee on Flyball Development.** Steve reported that the Guidelines for the Premiership concept in Victoria had been issued to Victorian Clubs. The Sub Committee would now monitor the operation of the State Premiership. Question asked - had NSW decided in a Premiership season – answer no – after discussion the Committee agreed that for the initial trial the NSW season would be set at 1<sup>st</sup> March to end October. Question asked about measuring progress and status of premiership, discussions to continue within development sub committee.
- d) **Nationals Update –** Frank reported that Division spits had now been finalised and reposted to the web; running order had been reviewed by NSW Regional Rep and was being finalised. Ring and Cabana layout had been posted to web. First Aid kit was being restocked. Arrangements confirmed for transport of other State Timing light systems.

## **ITEM 6 – New Business.**

- 1) AFA approach to dogs with or exposed to an infectious diseases. Sam suggested that the AFA develop a Policy or Rule that required members to quarantine their dog for the required incubation period in a circumstance where it had contracted or been in contact with a dog that had an infectious disease such as Parvo or Kennel Cough. It was suggested that this could be best added to Rule 9.4 – matter referred to Rules Sub Committee.
- 2) Email re control of 000 Badges in Qld considered. Agreed that badges might best be stored in the first aid kit so that they were always available at comps.

## **Item 7 Other Business. Nil**

Date of Next Meeting- Monday 1st October 2018. There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 9.40 p.m.  
Signed as a true record.

President.