

Minutes – Subject to final approval at October 2016 Meeting.

Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on 5th September 2016.

Present: Richard Mellon, Jenny Millar, Brian Lindsay, Julie Pamplin, Jennifer Crane, Shireen Pitt, Steve Pitt, Frank Lux, Pat Byrne, Jo Grant, Phil Lea, Catherine Stroop, Anne Coleman, Carolyn Shrives, Josh Ellen and Candice Leighton.

Apologies : Catherine Stroop, Robyn Ferguson
Meeting Opened at 7.30 pm via Go to Meetings Conference.

The President welcomed the new Committee and especially the new Members for 2016/17 and explained both Committee protocol and Committee process.

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 \$17,727.23 plus Invested funds of \$52985.87.
- 4) Correspondence Out.

ITEM 2 Correspondence In.

- Email from Tim Slade re amended points in combined Divisions. _ See New Business below.
- Email from Carolyn re Min ring size – see New Business below.

ITEM 3 Sanctioned Events Approved.

Comp - Adelaide Show – add 000starts and singles/pairs after comp closes.

10th Sept -

Comp – Sydney Scallywags – Sunday 2nd October 2016 – Boorowa Irish Flyball Fling – Scott Park Boorowa (Training in Ring).

Comp – PDODC – 8th October 2016 – PDODC October Comp – Jenkins Reserve Saints Rd Salisbury SA.

Comp – Hastings – 9th October 2016 – Pets Day Out 2016 – Ballam Park Cranbourne Rd Frankston Vic.

Comp – Tuggeranong _ 19th Nov – Fun in the Sun Tuggeranong Town Park Anketell St Greenway. (Open Racing with handicap format and Training in ring).

Comp – Ballarat – 3rd December 2016 – Santaball – Victoria Park Ballarat.

Comp – Belconnen –Sat 10th Dec 2016 – Belconnen Dog Club Grounds – (start 1 pm Regular and Open racing).

Comp – Luv a dog – 20th May 2017 – Beerwah Show Flyball Comp – Beenwah Showground Roberts Rd Beerwah.

Comp – Flyball Fanatics – 21/5/17 – Million Paws Walk Qld – Limestone Park Salisbury Rd Ipswich Qld.

Demo – Tassie Flying Paws – 11Sept 2016 – Antarctic Festival- Parliament House Lawns Hobart.

Demo – 4PR 25th,26th and 27th Sept 2016 – Royal Melbourne Show Langs Rd Ascot Vale.

Demo – Eastside Flyers – Sat and Sunday 15th and 16th October – Beginners welcome- Como Gardens the Basin Victoria.

Training Day – Orange Krush – 2nd October 2016 – Elimbah Sports Ground – Rose Creek Rd Elimbah Qld.

Training Day – Tassie Teams – Sat and Sun 22nd and 23rd October 2016 – Pontville Oval 80 Midlands Highway Pontville Tassie (Jess Mellon and Jason Mc Farlane).

ITEM 4 – Admin Matters.

i) New Members : Janet Mitchell, Nathan Beckett, Helen Pollard, Norm Baker, Kath Peters, Sam Peters and Kelly Ross.

- ii) Stewards Exam Passes *- Aline Sinclair CRN 2403, Emma Gaffrey CRN 2893.
- iii) Timekeepers Exam Passes * – Shireen Pitt recommended.
- iv) AGM follow up –The required Annual Return for the AFA has been lodged ; reprint of Rule Book has been arranged. Rules on web updated for changes approved at AGM.
- v) New Committee – Allocation of responsibilities.
Positions – Web Team (Pat, Julie and Jennifer); Dog Incidents Sub Committed (Jennifer C.Chair, Shireen Secretary, Catherine and Jenny M)Rules Sub Committee (Carolyn Chair/Secretary, Shireen, Phil, Frank), Development Sub Committee (Steve Chair, Josh, Candice and Anne Liebecks); Titles and Awards (Anne C).
- vi) Consideration of ways to honour memory of Les Scott.

Committee discussed a number of options – the most favoured being to introduce a new 100 Points Title named “ the Les Scott Encouragement Title”. Agreed Frank and Steve to flesh out idea and then Secretary to consult with Southern Cross and family re this idea.

ITEM 5 – General Business

5(a) Report from Dog Incident Sub Committee.

Shireen reported that Panda CRN 2650A had received a Black Card on 24th July for crossing and interference and suspected aggression involving eyeballing and growling at dog in other lane. This was Panda’s second Black Card (earlier card was on 5th May 2016 for a similar incident). The Sub Committee recommended that Panda be issued with a Warning Letter Type 2 requiring a 3 month compulsory retraining with Logs to be submitted – during this period dog free to compete at

owners discretion – but on understanding that further incidents may involve more serious penalty. Carried.

5 (b) Report from Rules Sub Committee.

No Meeting so nil to Report.

5 c) Orange Krush – update re proposal to have Timekeepers acting as Line Stewards.

This matter had been placed on Agenda some months ago after club sought approval to adopt procedure of using line stewards to act as Timekeepers, similar to NAFA. The Committee had requested further details – no subsequent input received from Club. Agreed that matter be withdrawn from Agenda.

5(d) Working Group on Flyball Development - update.

New Sub Committee formed and would become a standing Sub Committee.

5(e) 2016 Nationals Update .

Division splits had been approved by NAFA Judge and draw was currently being finalised. Friday racing program will start at 9.am with Saturday and Sunday starting at 8.30. Three rings will operate on Saturday, hopefully only 2 rings will be needed on Sunday. Draw will be available on Web by 9th September.

5(f) Future Nationals – proposal to have Committee take over organising and running Nationals each year.

The Committee noted the inputs from Secretary (based on 2016 Nationals planning) and the appointed Sub Committee set up to consider this suggestion put forward by a member of the 2015/16 Committee. Both inputs suggested the impracticality of the proposal given the amount of work involved. The Committee in discussion agreed that Clubs should be encouraged to consider joining together to spread the work involved. It was noted that a Member of the Committee was appointed to assist the Clubs with the planning and to act as interface with Committee. The Committee

accepted the recommendations that the current process of Nationals planning continue.

6. New Business.

- i) Proposal re amended points in Combined Divisions. Proposal was to award the slower team in a combined Division the win Bonus point even if they did not win the heat. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the idea – after discussion the Committee voted to continue with the current points arrangement in combined Divisions.
- ii) Minimum Ring Size. Proposal suggested that the Committee reconsider the required minimum ring size requirement (stated in Rule 4.3 as 30ft by 90 ft) on basis of safety concerns given the small run back area. Committee had also received input that at some major Shows, where flyball received great exposure, space allocation was limited by the physical constraints of the facility. After discussion agreed to refer matter to Rules Sub Committee with suggestion they look at option of encouraging maximum run back area be provided as part of the Guidelines documentation on Competition Planning.

Other Business.

- i) Frank raised issue of improving the access to and referencing of Rule Clarifications so that they can be more easily reviewed when a question re Rules arises that has been covered in a prior Clarification. All agreed that this was desirable – question was how best to achieve. Noted that the Clarifications were all available on the AFA Web but not cross matched to the Rules document. After discussion it was agreed that Frank would have a look at how a better reference system might be implemented and come back to Committee.

- ii) Jenny M asked for clarification re the AFAs financial support for Nationals trophies/Medallions now that Purina sponsorship was not available. It was noted that a \$2000 allocation had been made in 2016 – several members of the Committee indicated that they felt that this should become an annual allocation to replace the Purina contribution which was part of the prior sponsorship arrangement. Matter to be listed for discussion at October Meeting.
- iii) Jenny C raised issue of request to add a 000 start and singles /Pairs racing after the Adelaide Royal Competition ended on 10th September in order to fill out the time. Agree to Sanction the fun events to operate after close of competition.

Next Meeting Monday 3rd October 2016. Apologies submitted by Richard, Pat and Phil.

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

Signed as a true record.

President.