

**Minutes – Subject to final approval at January 2019 Meeting.
Australian Flyball Association Inc. – Minutes of Meeting held on
27th December 2018.**

Present: Richard Mellon, Brian Lindsay, Jennifer Crane, Frank Lux, Martin Watt, Jenny Millar, Sam Brown, Michael Ashton, Steve Pitt, Josh Ellen, Justin Allen, David Strong, Pat Byrne and Shireen Pitt.

Apologies: Konrad Moskal, Robert MacDonald and Lou Stephen.

Meeting Opened at 7.30 pm via Go to Meetings Conference.

This Special Meeting had been called to review the situation regarding the introduction of the ulna measuring system.

Four matters were on Agenda –

1. Status of measuring devices;
2. Implementation date for ulna system;
3. Date from which permanent height cards can be issued;
4. Possible Measuring Days.

1. Status of the ulna measuring devices.

The Committee noted that two prototypes of the ulna measuring device had been produced for testing – a metal device and a hard- plastic device made by 3D printer. The metal device had been tested on a range of dogs in NSW and Qld and had been found to have several difficulties that would need correction if selected. The Committee also noted that given each device would be produced individually there was a small possibility of differences in each model. The plastic 3D printed device was due to be tested on a range of dogs on the 29th December. The device appeared to be easy to use and accurate and it had the advantage of being able to be mass produced in identical format by ant 3 D printer of sufficient quality and therefore provide consistency in measuring. In discussion it was agreed that the final model would only show the table of dog jump heights rather than both dog jump heights and ulna length. The dual measures had resulted in some confusion in the testing stage. The Committee agreed that a report would be submitted after the planned test on the 29th December and subject to a satisfactory report 6 devices would be ordered, one for use in each State. Given satisfactory outcomes it was planned that sufficient devices would be ordered so that all Judges had a measuring device. This was economically possible, as each device would cost less than \$100.

2. Implementation date for ulna measuring system.

Given the likely availability of measuring devices by end January at latest it was agreed that the implementation date for the ulna measuring system would be

effective from race meetings with a closing date after 31st January 2019. This would ensure availability of measure devices for both initial measures and at race meetings for any height challenges.

3. Date of issue of height cards.

The Committee noted that given importance of getting all Judges trained in the use of the ulna measuring system that the issue of permanent height cards should be deferred until at least the 1st April 2019. Measuring of heights before this target date would be official for use in race meetings but would not result in the issue of a height card. The Committee also noted that under the Rules members were still able to measure their own dogs and nominate the height of their dogs and that the Rules did not require all members to obtain height cards. The Committee agreed to confirm the date for issue of height cards once the initial ulna measuring devices had been distributed to each State.

4. Possible Measuring days.

The Committee agreed that each State may be in a different position re the need to have measuring days. Given planned availability of ulna measuring devices some height measuring could possibly occur at race meetings planned for early 2019 before the ulna measuring system commenced. The issue of need for a Measuring Day/s would be considered by Committee at January Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.30 pm
Signed as a true record

R.Mellon (President).