

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION  
INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022** (Subject to approval at 2023 AGM)

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm with 10 Go to Meetings connections to the following venues:

- Club Blacktown – Sanctuary 1 Room  
40 Second Avenue  
Blacktown NSW 2148
- Unanderra Community Centre  
Cnr Factory Rd and Princes Hwy  
Unanderra
- Shortland Newcastle ( contact Loise Stephen for venue address)  
0432463201

ACT

- BDOC Clubhouse Cnr Flemington Rd and Sandford Rd Mitchell

Queensland –

- RSPCA 139 Wacol Station Rd Wacol .
- 10 Ringtail St North Lakes

South Australia

- Para District Obedience Dog Club  
Jenkins Reserve Saints Road Salisbury

Tasmania

- 92 George St Dulcote

Victoria

- Frankston Dog Obedience Club ,  
12 McClelland Drive Langwarrin
- Keilor Obedience Dog Training Centre



A.J.Davis Reserve  
Fullarton Rd Airport West

Attendance of Members – 166 members present and entitled to vote as per the venue attendance sheets.

Apologies – Pauline Oldman, Justin Allen

**Item 1. Minutes of 2019/20 AGM**

Moved and Seconded that the 2020/21 AGM Minutes be accepted. CARRIED

**Item 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil matters arising.

**Item 3. Presidents Report.**

Richard Mellon read the highlights from his Presidents Report, which is available for members to read on the AFA Web. Richard provided an overview of achievements in the year and activity statistics for the year. He thanked the outgoing Committee for its work throughout the year.

**Item 4 Financial Statements and Auditors Report.**

The Treasurer moved that the 2021/22 AFA Financial Statements and the accompanying Auditors Report be accepted, Seconded, and invited any comments or questions. No questions or comments.

Moved Pat Byrne that the Financial Reports be adopted. CARRIED.

**Item 5. Announcement of results of postal Rules ballot**

The President read the results of the postal ballot for the four Rules Motions. He advised the meeting that as at the close of voting date the four Rule change motions had all received approval. Motion 1 – Rule 2.10 requiring special circumstances to allow 2 team Divisions had received 56 yes votes and 24 No votes. Motion 2 amending the definition of sandbagging had received 69 yes and 11 no votes. Motion 3 amending Rule 2.11 to require race meeting results to be posted within 48 hours had received 74 yes and 6 no votes. Motion 4 amending the definitions to make it clear Race Meeting Organisers cannot also be nominated as Judge or AFA rep. had received 71 yes and 9 no votes.

**Item 6 Election of 2022/23 Committee**

The President announced that the following positions had received only one nomination and accordingly that person was elected unopposed :

Vice President - Josh Ellen;

Tasmanian Rep – David Strong



Victorian Rep – Belinda Fry

ACT Rep – Michael Ashton

Qld Rep – Kathryn Royes

No nominations had been received for S.A. Rep.

All other positions had multiple nominees and required ballots.

Ballots were then conducted for following”

President – Candidates David Strong and Drew Harrison. Voting – Drew 84 votes, David 78 – President congratulated Drew on his election as President.

Secretary – candidates Brian Lindsay and Kylie White. Voting – Kylie 89, Brian 77 – President congratulated Kylie on her election.

Treasurer - Candidates – Pat Byrne and Jo Slade. Voting – Jo 85 votes, Pat 80 votes – President congratulated Jo on her election.

NSW Regional Rep – Candidates Frank Lux and Teresa Good. Voting – Frank 37 votes Teresa 21 votes. The President congratulated Frank on his election.

For General Committee 14 nominations had been received for the 7 available positions. Three candidates were withdrawn from ballot by earlier election to Committee. A voting ballot paper was distributed to all eligible members. After counting the following successful candidates were announced: Sam Brown, Amanda Pennicuik, Richard Mellon, Paul Newman, Rosie Milton, Teresa Good and Ben Royes. The President welcomed all to the 2022/23 Committee.

The position of SA Rep. still to be filled.

### **Item 7. AFA Annual Awards.**

The President announced that there had been no nominations received for Presidents Appreciation Award this year.

Awards for Novice Club of the Year (Little Springer Trophy) – Coastal High Flyers  
Club of the Year – (Springer Trophy) Norwest Flyball Club  
Team of the Year - 4 P.R. Beach Crew – Dogs

### **Item 8 Life Membership Nomination.**

The President announced that one nomination had been received by the Committee for the award of Life Membership in recognition of service to the AFA. That nomination was for Frank Lux. He indicated that to be successful the Constitution required a majority of two thirds of members present and voting.



Frank withdrew from Meeting whilst voting was conducted. Voting – For Life Membership 104 votes, Against 30 and abstain 29. Having achieved a 77% vote Frank was declared a Life Member and congratulated by President.

### **Item 9 Member Motions.**

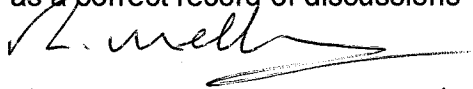
The President advised the Meeting that there were potentially 8 Member motions to put to the vote. Under the Constitution Member Motions require a 75% majority to be adopted. He asked Members speaking to or against the Motions to keep their comments brief and to the point. Each Motion introduced by mover and any questions discussed. Voting shown below against each Motion.

- Member Motion 1 – To change the jump height range from the current 7” – 14 “ to 6” to 12”, in accordance with the proposed revised jump height measurement chart shown in Motion. For 116, Against 41 Abstain 3. Percentage 74%. Motion unsuccessful.
- Member Motion 2 – AFA change the width of jumps from the current 24” between the uprights to 30 “. For 92, Against 52, Abstain 7. Percentage 64%. Motion unsuccessful.
- Member Motion 3 – That any jump knocked from its original position in the lane will initiate a heat restart. For 31, Against 103 , Abstain 10. Percentage 23%. Motion failed.
- Member Motion 4 – To eliminate restarting a heat after a false start in all forms of racing (Regular, Handicap, Open and Veterans). For 72, Against 80, Abstain 4. Percentage 47%. Motion failed.
- Member Motion 5. – That AFA change the allowance of the flyball box dimensions from 24” width and 18’ in height to a maximum of 30’ in width and 20” in height. For 63, Against 55 , Abstain 36. Percentage 54%. Motion failed.
- Member Motion 6 – The AFA reinstate the Premiership to having an Off Season”. For 31, Against 78, Abstain 40. Percentage 28% Motion failed.
- Member Motions 7 and 8 (to be put only if Motion 1 to change the jump height range is passed) – Motion withdrawn.



There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed as a correct record of discussions

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Mell", with a horizontal line underneath it.

President.

12/09/2022