

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 25 March 2025

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Duncan McAllister on two Agenda Items and he left the meeting during discussions.
- Mandy Schelbach on one Agenda Item and she left the meeting during discussions.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 25 February 2025

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 25 February 2025 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 28 January 2025

The Summary of Minutes for 28 January 2025, as amended, was accepted with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Action Items

Action Items – 25 February 2025

The Action Items were noted, including updates, information provided in the Board papers and items completed.

The Chair commented this would be the last Board meeting for David Weil, Elisa McCutcheon, Mandy Schelbach and Vicki Schneider as Directors. The Board thanked the outgoing Directors for their hard work and contributions over the years with the presentation of a gift as a token of appreciation.

Ongoing Matters

Clubs Annual Reports

Directors noted work continued with clubs regarding the submission of Annual Reports.

SprintDog Track

Directors discussed the information provided with the suggestion the repair of the entire fence be completed and the hydroseeding undertaken before the fence was erected. The Sprintdog Subcommittee were aware of the need to pay any additional costs which were not Dogs Queensland's responsibility.

The Board agreed to progressing the proposed hydroseeding and fencing repairs outlined in the paper to enable the works to be completed.

REPORTS

Financial Report – February 2025

The Financial Report for February 2025 was tabled with discussion following on the aged receivables and amounts owing.

The aged debtors had been advised to pay the amounts owing within 30 days or set up a payment plan, otherwise membership may be suspended and further recovery action taken.

Financial Summary – 25 March 2025 – noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – March 2025 – noted.

Social Media Report – March 2025 – noted.

Exec Items

DQ Promotional Merchandise

Directors discussed the information provided, with the assistance of Kylie Leslie in arranging the importation of stock acknowledged. An invite for Dogs Queensland to attend the next RNA Canine meeting had been received with the General Manager to attend and ensure the minutes reflected Dogs Queensland had requested the 2032 Dog Show be held at Durack.

Welfare Officer Reports

CWLO Reports – March 2025

The reports were noted with lengthy discussion following on the concerning trend of increasing registrations on the Limited Register and the possible implications for breeding, the gene pool and showing dogs. The ability to obtain other States' statistics on the matter would be helpful noting the misuse of the Limited Register was not for the betterment of dog breeds. Members were required to complete health testing to be on the main register which distinguished Dogs Queensland from other States/Associations. It was suggested Dogs Queensland should be proactive and encourage members to register and have the opportunity to experience the dog world before health testing was completed. The situation would be monitored and further discussions held.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Sponsorship of RNA – Canine Competition Launch

Directors discussed the information provided noting the request for advertising in April and May 2025 noting some material may be able to be included in the Paw Prints issued on 26 March 2025.

The Board agreed to accept the Dogs Queensland Supporter Agreement for 2025 with the RNA as tabled.

Royal Canin Contract Renewal

Directors noted the information provided with Royal Canin also considering sponsorship for the agility trial in 2026. It was noted Royal Canin provided DNA services which was worth exploring as an additional provider to Orivet and Massey. It was suggested the sponsorship of Dog of the Year (DOTY) for the next three years be raised with Royal Canin, noting DOTY events would be held in the Zones as well.

The Board agreed to accept the renewal of a partnership arrangement with Royal Canin for the period 2026 to 2028.

Consent to Act Form and Confidentiality Agreement

Directors noted and discussed the advice and information provided. It was suggested Director duties and obligations in the Corporations Act be an additional page issued with the new confidentiality agreement for incoming Directors.

The Board agreed to adopt the new confidentiality agreement for incoming Directors to sign, with the relevant sections of the Corporations Act on Director duties included as a separate attachment.

AGM 2025 – noted.

2025 Flood Assistance – Disaster Relief

Directors noted the applications for assistance received with a check conducted to ascertain applicants were located in an impacted area as defined by the local Councils. The \$7,500 provided by Dogs NSW was able to be utilised for claims which fell within the defined purposes of the donation. The terms of the Dogs Queensland Disaster Relief policy were read noting the maximum claim of up to \$1,000 per calendar year was permitted, with evidence to be provided of the loss. This was the first time the policy had been tested with refinements able to be made if required. It was suggested Royal Canin be approached to ascertain whether dog food could be donated or sold at a discounted rate to members impacted by natural disaster events.

Each application was discussed and assessed in accordance with the policy criteria noting there was no conflict of interest in relation to a Director's claim for assistance as the matter did not relate to remuneration and the assistance was claimed as a member.

The Board approved the applications for assistance as tabled except for two applications, one of which required further evidence or photos of the losses claimed and one which was denied as it was outside the scope of the policy.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

South Australia Representation on the Dogs Australia Board – noted.

COMMITTEES

Ground Meeting Minutes - noted no meetings held as in caretaker mode.

Arborist Report for Durack

The information provided was discussed. The Board approved, subject to obtaining Brisbane City Council approval, to proceed with the Treesafe quote of \$49,500 for the removal of the trees designated as high risk.

Queensland Dog Sports

Policy around initial Sprintdog trials

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. The Board agreed to reject the policy proposed with Mandy Schelbach abstaining on the matter.

Brisbane Lure Coursing Club Events

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Rally Judges Training Elevation – J Gillies

The Board endorsed the elevation of J Gillies to Rally Judge.

Revision of Lure Coursing Rule

Directors noted the wrong attachment had been provided in the papers.

General Manager advised the National Committee required one State member body to put forward to ANKC an electronic motion regarding muzzles noting no wire was to be used in the muzzles. The Board agreed Dogs Queensland would put forward the proposed electronic motion on muzzles to ANKC as requested.

Conformation Judges & Events Managers

A verbal report was provided on the CJC Committee meeting, noting:

- There were only two failures from the recent CJC exams.

- Two flights per trainee per year to Brisbane was paid for by Dogs Queensland. One trainee had switched the travel by car to plane at a cost of \$900 without first obtaining approval. The CJC Committee had agreed to cover the cost, however the trainee was not entitled to a second flight.
- Learning and training portal available.
- Ringcraft sessions being held 6 April 2025 with a ringcraft session being conducted in the north at the same time.

Canine Health

Canine Health Committee Minutes 20/02/2025 – noted.

Canine Health Committee Report – noted, with Elisa McCutcheon stating it had been a privilege to be chair of the Canine Health Committee.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) NHWC Meeting – 15 March 2025

The information provided was noted with the Dogs Queensland motion carried.

Constitution and Rules

Minutes from CR Committee

The Committee meeting had been cancelled due to the cyclone with a verbal report provided, noting:

- All committee members had been thanked for their time and efforts.
- Advice from Fair Trading that refunds must be offered and paid in full in a timely manner if an event was cancelled or abandoned and no funds could be retained. If an event was postponed, exhibitors or competitors had the option to obtain a refund or have the money held over to the next event. If the new date advised was not acceptable, the exhibitor could request a refund at that time. Claims by the club or an individual could be lodged with the insurer or travel insurers to recover travel expenses paid.
- Funds refunded must be repaid in the same way as initially paid noting self-refunds were able to be completed through Show Manager.

Appendix 11 – Extreme Weather and Natural Disaster Policy (draft)

Directors noted and discussed the information provided in the papers. It was suggested wording be changed from 'is entitled' to 'may be entitled' to allow clubs some discretion in the matter noting the policy applied to any event conducted by Dogs Queensland or clubs. Directors agreed, in the event of road closures, no alternate routes would be recommended. Education for members and clubs on the new policy was also required.

The Board resolved to adopt the Extreme Weather and Natural Disaster Policy tabled, subject to the amendment of wording to 'may be entitled', with a significant education campaign to be undertaken with clubs and members.

Junior Handlers

Arrangements for the Junior Handler show should be in place.

Marketing and Public Relations

A verbal report was provided noting arrangements for the Anzac Day event and June show were progressing with information to be published in Paw Prints. Sponsors were on hold awaiting finalisation of the committees once the new Board was in place.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

The Board **agreed:**

- i) To accept all of the rescheduling requests submitted.
- ii) The RNA Ekka dates 2026 for the Boxer club be moved from Saturday to Sunday.
- iii) To note the cancellation of March 2025 shows by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Qld and the consolidation of the 2026 show dates for Burnett Kennel Club.

Club Matters

Burnett Kennel Club – Request to Reduce Quorum

Directors noted and discussed the information provided and supported the efforts of the club. The club members had to approve the changes noting Gordon Mayne would work with the General Manager on the response.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Flying Minutes re Membership

The Board ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Membership currently stood at 4,932 plus 988 Community Memberships.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 25 April 2025 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.