

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Monday, 28 April 2025

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Duncan McAllister on one Agenda Item and he left the meeting during discussions.
- Ainslie Carius and Tim Thomas on one Agenda Item each, with Directors agreeing neither were required to leave the meeting during discussions.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 25 March 2025

The minutes of 25 March 2025 were to be circulated.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 25 February 2025

The Summary of Minutes for 25 February 2025 was accepted with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Draft AGM Minutes – 26 March 2025

Directors noted the draft AGM Minutes provided.

Previous Minutes – 26 March 2025

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 26 March 2025, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Previous Minutes – 7 April 2025

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 7 April 2025, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Action Items

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The Action Items were noted, including updates, information provided in the Board papers and items completed or to be removed, with the revised Items attached to the Minutes.

Ongoing Matters

Clubs Annual Reports

Work continued on obtaining annual reports and required information from clubs.

Judges Training Room

Directors discussed whether charges should be introduced for the use of the Judges training room noting the area was often accessed by event photographers free of charge.

Signing of the Confidentiality Agreements

Discussion followed on the information provided, noting confidentiality obligations under the Corporations Act applied to Directors. It was suggested one confidentiality agreement should be signed by all Directors, with the matter to be discussed at the May Board meeting.

REPORTS

Financial Report – March 2025

Financial Summary – 28 April 2025

The Financial Report for March 2025 was tabled and discussed noting a new reporting format was being finalised and the financial budget for the year would be included.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – 25 April 2025 - noted and discussed.

Social Media Report – April 2025

The report was noted with the suggestion further promotion of Dogs Queensland on social media was required and efforts made to increase engagement and the number of followers.

Welfare Officer Reports

CWLO Reports

- Board Report April 2025
- MR & LR discussion paper provided to the ANKC
- DQ Breeder Code Submission from March 2024, there so aware of as RSPCA looking at again

Directors noted the reports provided with the General Manager suggesting the CWLO attend the Board meeting once a quarter. Discussion followed on the ANKC record update program, including income being received for transfer fees vs assisting breeders to update records, whether seller and/or buyer signatures were required on transfer forms and the issue of reminders. It was noted an amnesty had been provided to enable breeders to update records and the feedback on the program had been largely positive.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Life Members 2025

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

The Board **agreed** a Working Party be established to assess life member nominations and make recommendations to the Board.

Provision of Director Training

Directors agreed the provision of Director training was required with investigations to be undertaken to identify an organisation to deliver a robust training program.

Forum, Visits and Events

Directors noted the information provided, with discussion following on:

- Increasing communication and engagement with members and ensuring there was equal access to Dogs Queensland services across the three zones.
- Zoom forums with Zones 2 and 3 had been well received, were cost effective and members were able to ask questions and raise issues. Face to face meetings were also required given the demographic of many Dogs Queensland members.

- Support for the proposal, however it needed to be sustainable and balanced. Informal forums or meetings could be organised as part of a weekend event, with Directors available for members to approach and discuss issues. The forums would need to be publicised and any questions raised and answered published in the magazine.
- Visits to the northern zones needed to be cost effective. Monies could be utilised for training or conducting a one day workshop with a facilitator for stewards and show managers. Club infrastructure could be utilised and the workshop run in conjunction with a 'meet and greet' event.
- July 2025 Presidents and Secretaries meeting to be held to enable issues to be raised and discussed.

2025 Flood Assistance

- DQ Emergency Disaster Relief Fund Policy

Directors discussed the information provided and approved two applications for assistance.

Committees and Working Parties

Directors discussed the information noting work was still being undertaken to identify representatives for some Committees and Working Parties. The following matters were noted:

- Ainslie Carius to be added to the DQ Events Committee.
- Barbara Murfet to be added to the Show Dates Working Party.
- John Burgess added to the CJC, noting EOIs would not be sought.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

Limited Register Discussion Notes for DA Admin Meeting - noted.

1 May 2025 State Administrators Meeting – Agenda Documents & Zoom Link - noted.

National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee – 7 June 2025 – Call for Agenda Items – noted.

COMMITTEES

Queensland Dog Sports

Qld Dogs Sports Committee Financial Report for March 2025 – noted.

Queensland RAFT Request

Directors discussed the information provided noting Dogs Queensland would not be able to hold a State or National Championship. Directors requested a wording change to the RAFT Rules to allow 'the use of either/or real or artificial game' be submitted to ANKC for reconsideration.

Publication of QDS Catalogues

A verbal report was provided noting an issue had arisen with a club using a different platform for entries vs the issue of a catalogue. The matter had been resolved, however the rules did not state the method of release and further investigation may be required to ensure one platform was used.

Policy re Conformation Shows running Dog Sports Events: Noted standing agenda item.

Appointment of Retrieving Judge – Mrs Kerri Underwood

The Board endorsed the appointment of Mrs Kerri Underwood as a Retrieving Judge.

Draft Minutes for QDSC Meeting

The draft minutes were noted. Protocols were being finalised for every discipline to allow judges to judge and compete at the same event, noting the Constitution and Rules Committee would need to consider changes to the sporting rules in due course.

Canine Health

Canine Health Committee Minutes – noted.

Constitution and Rules

Committee Charters

Directors discussed the information provided noting further work was required and feedback obtained with the suggestion 'employees' be included in the documentation.

Marketing and Public Relations

'Oodle' Fun Day and Event

A verbal report was provided, with discussion following on possible opportunities for the organisation, noting five associations could be added to the list of kindred bodies to compete in any dog sports trials. Directors suggested the matter be added as a late agenda item to discuss at the ANKC June 2025 meeting. Early consultation, education and communication should be undertaken with members to minimise any negative feedback.

G1.1 SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates and Club Matters

Agenda items were carried over to the next Board meeting.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Flying Minutes re Membership

The Board ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Membership currently stood at 5,110 plus 996 Community Memberships.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 26 May 2025 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.