

Minutes of the 131st Annual Conference of Delegates The New Zealand Kennel Club (Inc)



Saturday 24th June 2017, 10.00 am
Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

1. Welcome and Roll Call

The President, Nigel Trainor, welcomed delegates to 131st Annual Conference and thanked everyone for attending. The President called the roll to confirm attendance.

Present:

Club	Delegate
Ashburton Kennel Assn	Bill Robertson
Auckland Kennel Council	Jill Brooker and Gay Meredith
Buller Kennel Assn	Jeanine Bishop and Bev Thompson
Cambridge Kennel Assn	Sue Chaytor and Reuben Dixon
Canterbury Kennel Assn	Brian Harris
Canterbury Ladies Kennel Assn	Arvine Gamlin
Central Hawke's Bay Kennel Society	Sandy Evans
East Coast Ladies Kennel Assn	Brian Townsend
Eastern Bay Of Plenty Kennel Assn	Kay O'Carroll
Franklin Kennel Assn	Ashleigh Rogers
Geraldine County Kennel Assn	Robert Alcantara Jr
Gore and District Kennel Assn	Sue Pinnow
Hamilton Kennel Assn	Hazel Willcock
Hauraki Canine Assn	Trevor Corin
Hibiscus Coast Kennel Assn	Davida Brown and David Hardwick
Horowhenua Kennel Assn	Peter Sharp and Karen Leslie
Huntly and District Kennel Assn	Shannon Aldous
Hutt Valley Kennel Centre	Gary Carleton and Lisa Slade
Kapi-Mana Kennel Society	Denise Clark
Kumeu Kennel Assn	Ray Greer and Paul Robinson
Ladies Kennel Assn	Dianne Rogers
Manawatu Kennel Assoc	Geraldine Gulbransen and Betty Parker
Marlborough Kennel Assn	Lavina Diamanti and Trina Nichols
Nelson District Kennel Assn	Sarah Abrey
Nelson Ladies Kennel Assn	Elaine Beattie
New Plymouth Kennel Centre	Carole Tipler
North Canterbury Kennel Assn	Lesley Chalmers and Clinton Hoebe
North Otago Kennel Assn	Cathy Wallace and Raelene Guthrie
North Shore Kennel Assn	Gary Withers
Northland Canine Assn	Jean McErlane
Otago Kennel Assn	Louise Thompson-Parker
Pencarrow Kennel Assn	Carolyn Stevens and Colin Walker
Poverty Bay Kennel Association	Alice Trevelyan and Claire Trevelyan
Rotorua Kennel Assn	Ros Mihaka
Ruahine Kennel Assn	Helene Owen
South Canterbury Kennel Society	Heather Tee
South Taranaki Kennel Centre	Steve Tate
Southern Ladies Kennel Assn	Carolyn Lewis
Southland Kennel Assn	Dianne Tyssen
Tauranga Kennel Assn	Lorraine Handley and Michele Reichmuth
The Plains Kennel Assn	Gary Doyle
Tokoroa Canine Assn	Gloria Landon
Upper Hutt Kennel Assn	Gloria Odiam

Waikouaiti Kennel Assn	Louise Thompson-Parker
Waimakariri Kennel Assn	Helene Street
Wairarapa Kennel Assn	Tui Cherry and Sandra Macklin
Wellington Kennel Centre	Samantha Diggins
Wellington Ladies Kennel Assn	Sue Wilkinson
West Coast Kennel Assn	Donna Hailes
<u>NZ Dog Judges Association</u>	Martin Hewitt (President) Kaye Finlayson Debbie Hull Linda Strongman
Delegate	Mike Hamblyn
Otago/Southland	Dianne Tyssen
<u>Group, Multi-Breed, Specialist</u>	
Auckland Group & Multi Breed	Kathleen Hardwick
Auckland Specialist Breed	Margaret Wilson
Waikato	Pam Douglas
Taranaki/Wanganui	Steve Tate
Hawke's Bay	Brian Townsend
Wellington Group / Multi Breed	Sonya Sloan
Wellington Specialist Breed	Sonya Sloan
Canterbury Group & Multi Breed	Bernard Fears
Christchurch Specialist Breed	Bernard Fears
Otago/Southland	Dianne Tyssen
<u>Agility Delegates</u>	Bevan Dale Sallie Remon Chris Richardson Wayne Grant
<u>Obedience Delegates</u>	Geoff Collins Sue Howe Arend van den Bos Sue Richardson
<u>Agility Committee</u>	Karen De Wit Diana Gausden Carl Ranford
<u>Obedience Committee</u>	Karen Browning Lee Engert Alastair Kirk
Auckland Exhibition Centre	Christine Wood
Forrester Park Exhibition Centre	David Richards
Executive Council - President	Nigel Trainor
Executive Council	Geoff Collins
Executive Council	Keith Brown
Executive Council	Geraldine Gulbransen (departing)
Executive Council	Brian Harris (departing)
Executive Council	Karen McIntyre
Executive Council	Maree McKenzie
Executive Council	Stephen Meredith
Executive Council	Joanne Rennell
Executive Council	Steve Tate
Executive Council	Beth Warman

Staff in Attendance:

Peter Dunne	Director/Secretary
Graeme Sugden	Treasurer
Colleen Begg	Club and Membership Manager
Mandy Poore	Events and Administration Co-ordinator
Angela Sheehan	Minutes

The President noted that five clubs were not represented at the time of the roll call, which he attributed to travel difficulties. He said that the current voting strength was 66. [This number was adjusted as people arrived.]

Apologies:

Forrester Park Management Committee Chair	Anne McLachlan
Wanganui Kennel Society	
Waimate Kennel Society	
Taupo Kennel Association	
Bay of Islands Kennel Association	
Rosemary Weaver	
NZ Gundog Trial Association	Dave Richardson, Graham Palmer
David Fifield	Life Member
Norm Claude	Life Member
John Perfect	Life Member
Shona Prebble	Life Member
Paula Simpson	Southland Kennel Association
Maureen Boyd	Life Member
Bill Crawford	Wellington Kennel Centre
Eddie Croad	Life Member
Napier Kennel Centre	Adrienne Rowsell
Hawke's Bay Kennel Association	Darren Slade
Wairoa Kennel Association	Adrienne Rowsell

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

David Hardwick / Peter Sharp - CARRIED

2. Obituaries

The Director Secretary read the roll of members who had passed away during the year. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for:

Maureen Black	Levin
Judy Hooker	Levin
Marg Davies	Rotorua
Joan Wilton	Mangere
Lorraine Atchison	Henderson
Brenda John	Wattle Downs
Kay Dormer	Manurewa
Colleen Buckley	Rotorua
Gerry Boyle	Dunedin
Joan Cullen	Rotorua
Bill Ellis	Auckland
Patricia Martin	New Plymouth
Noel Hutchinson	Waiuku
Shirley Grabham	Upper Moutere
Gordon Conning	Levin
Mrs J A Maguire	Timaru
Allan Stott	Upper Hutt
Mrs G N Munro	Christchurch
Keith Fisk	Christchurch
Gordon Morris	Napier
Clyde Rogers	Glen Eden
Carol Kisby	Upper Hutt
Jennifer Kirk	Hamilton
Mary Wells	Christchurch
Tony Jarvis	Waikari
Katy Austin	Upper Hutt
Jean Wright	Marton

Dorothy Dwyer	Helensville
Beverley Powell	Te Awamutu
Kirstie Marson	Papakura
Rhys Tidswell	Waipukurau
Joyce Condon	Northcote
Alan Powell	Waipukurau
A Straight	Glenfield
Owen Wright	Albany (Life Member)
Diane Dickinson	Taupo
Barry Monaghan	Lower Hutt (Life Member)
Tony Martin	New Plymouth

3. **Club (All Breed) Affiliations and Disaffiliations**

During the year there were no new affiliations or disaffiliations.

4. **Life Membership**

A Life membership was presented to Bernard Fears.

5. **Minutes of the Previous Annual Conference of Delegates**

Motion: That the minutes be taken as read.

Gary Carleton / Sonya Sloan - CARRIED

Motion: That the minutes of the 130th Annual Meeting held on Saturday 25 June 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Moved /Seconded – CARRIED

6. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

7. **President's Annual Report**

The President spoke to his report, noting in particular:

- The sad and untimely passing of Immediate Past President, Clyde Rogers. Clyde had had a vision for the Kennel Club to become an exemplar organisation, and he had been on the road to doing that.
- The need to address falling membership – approximately 20% in the past 5 years.
- The challenging financial situation and the need to maintain financial break-even.
- The introduction by Masterpet of its own brand - Black Hawk.
- This year's National Dog Show in Christchurch had been a fantastic event. Thank you to the organising committee.
- The NDOA and NZDAC events had both been successful.
- It had been a quieter year with the properties, with ongoing general maintenance. At some stage the roof on the Porirua property will need to be attended to, which will be a considerable cost.
- The appointment of Dr Becky Murphy as Canine Health and Welfare Officer was a tremendous success and was contributing to building the credibility of the organisation.
- The rebranding to Dogs New Zealand.
- The professionalism of the staff at National Office.
- Thank you to the Executive Council for their support, in particular outgoing Executive Councillors Brian Harris and Geraldine Gulbransen.

Motion: That the Annual Report be adopted.

Nigel Trainor /Seconded - CARRIED

8. Financial Report (year ended 31 March 2017)

The Financial Report was taken as read.

The Treasurer, Graeme Sugden, spoke to his report, noting in particular:

- The year had ended with a net operating cash surplus of \$69,132 before depreciation. Depreciation was \$95,293, leaving a bottom line deficit of \$26,161.
- Cash reserves stood at \$1.3 million.
- Following discussion with the auditors a retrospective adjustment had been made for income in advance.
- A clean audit report had been received.
- Capital expenditure for the year had been minor.

The Treasurer then answered points of clarification.

The President said that with past National Dog Shows there had been quite a reliance on secondary sponsorship, but it was of concern that that had been minimal with the Christchurch event. If that trend continued, it will have an impact on the Auckland National Dog Show, which will be in a much higher cost venue.

The Treasurer mentioned the payment of legal fees. Often fees were incurred in disputes between purchaser and breeder, with NZKC being taken to court over this financial year by one member on two separate matters. This was members' money being used, so the Executive and the membership will have to start thinking about that.

Following on from his comment last year, Ray Greer still felt that the presentation/formatting of the numbers was hard to follow for delegates and needed to be tidied up.

Motion: That the Financial Report be adopted

Moved /Seconded - CARRIED

9. Budget 2017/2018

The Director/Secretary spoke briefly to the budget for 2017/18, noting that today delegates will be asked to vote on an increase in the membership fee – the first increase proposed in 10 years other than for CPI adjustments. The Treasurer answered queries from the floor.

Ray Greer wondered whether, other than the proposed increase in the membership fee, Executive Council had factored any other new initiative. The Treasurer said that no other initiatives had been factored into the budget.

In reply to a comment from the floor, the President said that when setting the budget much of the revenue was determined historically by activities – that is, litter notifications, registrations, show levies, and entries in the National. They knew there was a declining trend in those numbers, but they had budgeted that that decline will not continue. If they hold activity levels, the budget should be achieved. The Director/Secretary said he had noted the comments from the floor, but everyone was continuing to work hard to improve the situation.

Gary Withers asked whether the Executive Council had considered IT (e.g. online entry fees) as a revenue stream before proposing an increase in the membership fee. The President said that online entry fees were built into the budget. The budget was business as usual, but they will have to take a fresh look at other ways of generating revenue.

Motion: That the 2017/2018 budget be adopted.

Brian Harris / Geoff Collins - CARRIED

10. Reports from Property Chairs

All reports were taken as read.

Auckland

Christine Wood gave an overview of her report, noting the following:

- Significant progress had been made on a range of property enhancements.
- Instead of the predicted cash deficit of \$5,278 for the year they had made a small cash surplus of \$15,634.
- This year they will host Auckland Show Week in conjunction with the National Dog Show. It will also be their 30th anniversary, and all members who will be attending will be invited to join the celebrations.
- The project to replace the toilet block had been postponed, although that area would still receive its annual “polish” in time for Show Week.
- All equipment had had an overhaul or, if necessary, had been replaced. However, the equipment shed needed to be replaced, and an approach had been made to the Executive Council for capital expenditure to do that work. They were currently investigating the cost of replacing like for like.
- There was going to be a drive to ensure that all electrical cords were tested and tagged.
- They wanted to ensure that in future they continued to offer the premier Dog of the Year event and not just the first show of the year. As such, they were going through a revitalisation and rebranding exercise.
- Thank you to all committee members and volunteers for their work.

Wellington

Peter Dunne gave an overview of his report, noting the following:

- A cash operating surplus of \$49,292 had been attained. The factors contributing to that were set out in the report.
- Income from commercial users continued to be important. Last year they returned more than \$32,000.
- The Executive Council had asked that all properties provide 10-year plans. He will be providing the property managers with guidelines for developing those.
- Thank you to the Wellington staff.

Dunedin

David Richards gave an overview of Anne McLachlan’s report, noting the following:

- Plans were under way for the 30-year celebration of the venue.
- Thank you to the venue committee, especially those long-standing members who had left the committee.
- The committee was working closely with the Dunedin City Council on issues to do with the building, including camping on site.
- The committee was looking to find new income streams.
- It was also looking into putting in a new kitchen.

Motion: That the Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin Property Reports be accepted.

Paul Robinson / Martin Hewitt - CARRIED

11. Remits

(The voting strength was now 68 voting delegates, so 45 were required to carry a remit.)

Motion: That the Roll Call be used for voting.

Moved / Seconded - CARRIED

Remit 1 – Geraldine County Kennel Association Inc.

Under Rule 17(f) the Geraldine County Kennel Association Inc. nominated Heather Tee to speak on their behalf.

Section 2 NZKC Membership

Motion: That Rule 4(a) be amended as follows:

Line 2 – Insert the words “all breeds” before “societies affiliated to or associated with the New Zealand Kennel Club”.

Line 6 – Delete “or recognised by” the New Zealand Kennel Club.

Also amend Rule 4(c) vi as follows:

Line 1 – Insert the words “all breeds” before “affiliated or associated society”.

Line 1 – Delete “or recognised by” the New Zealand Kennel Club.

**Heather Tee / JR Alcantara - DEFEATED
5 in favour / 63 against**

Remit 2 – Southern Bulldog Club

The remit proposed a new rule allowing for the establishment of a task force by the delegates.

The President said that a letter had gone to the Southern Bulldog Club saying that the remit was not in accordance with the requirements of rule 17(d) in that it did not set out what rule was being introduced or replaced. The Director Secretary corrected this statement stating the letter was for ratification of formatting changes only.

Motion: That the proposed Remit 2 be moved to a discussion paper.

Pam Douglas / Kathleen Hardwick – CARRIED

(The voting strength was 68 voting delegates, so 34 were required to carry a recommendation.)

Recommendations 1 to 12 – Southern Bulldog Club

Because remit no. 2 had not been passed, the recommendation to establish a task force on the British and French bulldog breeds, and recommendations subsequent on that, did not proceed.

Recommendation 13 – North Canterbury Kennel Association

Change to Show Regulation 12.2 and include new Show Regulation 12.3 SHOW REGULATION.

12. JUDGING TIMETABLES

12.2 The order in which breeds are judged will be strictly alphabetical according to NZKC naming convention.

12.3 The judging order may only be changed under exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the organising committee and at the discretion of the Show Manager. It should never be changed solely for a clash between the judging of any breeds, or any group judging.

Clinton Hoeben / Kumeu Kennel Association - DEFEATED

Recommendation 14 – North Canterbury Kennel Association

That New Zealand Kennel Club establish and maintain a database that contains the names of judges who have failed to keep to contracted judging appointments.

**North Canterbury Kennel Association / Dianne Tyssen – CARRIED
48 in favour / 17 against / 1 abstention**

Recommendation 15 – Cambridge Kennel Association Inc.

That Show Regulation 19.4.1 be amended to read: “A Show Manager shall not handle exhibit nor enter in any Show Ring any owned or co-owned dog at any Championship show [or weekend of any Championship show at which they are officiating]. A judges steward or assembly steward shall not handle provided always that this sub-paragraph shall not apply where an exhibitor acts in an emergency.

Cambridge Kennel Association / Horowhenua Kennel Association - DEFEATED

12. Confirmation of Officers

12.1 Patron

Motion: That Her Excellency Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand, be Patron of Dogs NZ.

Nigel Trainor / Ray Greer - CARRIED

12.2 President

The only nomination received was for Nigel Trainor. Therefore no election was necessary, and Nigel was subsequently elected.

12.3 North Island Executive Council

The only nomination received was for Stephen Meredith. Therefore, he was declared elected to Executive Council for a 2-year term.

12.4 South Island Executive Council

The President announced the result of the postal ballot as follows:

- Beth Warman (93) successful – 2-year term
- Clinton Hoeben (53) successful – 2-year term
- Brian Harris (48) unsuccessful

The President expressed concern that, because of the way in which the rules were written, an able and keen person had missed out on getting on the Executive Council yet only one nomination had been received from the North Island for the Executive Council. That meant the meeting now had to find someone else from the floor.

The President discussed with the meeting the rules as they were written currently, and how they should be interpreted in this situation. During the discussion it was pointed out that a legal opinion on Rule 20 was that this must go to a postal vote, the reasons being that:

- A postal vote will give each individual member the right to vote;
- Nominations were not yet known or bios available.
- If nominees addressed the meeting today, only those people at the meeting will get to hear the addresses.

The President ruled that this election be held by postal ballot. He called for nominations for the vacant position:

- Jill Brooker – Brian Harris / Pam Douglas.
- Lisa Slade – Gary Carleton / Manawatu Kennel Association
- Paul Robinson – Kumeu Kennel Association / Franklin Kennel Association
- Sue Chaytor – Cambridge Kennel Association / New Plymouth Kennel Centre

Motion: That nominations be closed.

Brian Harris / Kathleen Hardwick – CARRIED

Action: The National Office will arrange for the postal ballot to be conducted.

12.5 Vice President North Island

The President called for nominations for the role.

- Stephen Meredith – Pam Douglas / Kathleen Hardwick
- Geoff Collins – Ashleigh Rogers / Bevan Dale

Stephen Meredith thanked his nominators but declined the nomination, stepping aside in favour of Geoff Collins, who he said was a great asset to the organisation. Therefore, the President declared Geoff Collins as Vice President North Island.

12.6 Vice President South Island

The President called for nominations for the role.

- Beth Warman –Ladies Kennel Association / Canterbury Kennel Association
- Karen McIntyre – Kumeu Kennel Association / North Canterbury Kennel Association
- Keith Brown – Franklin Kennel Association / Horowhenua Kennel Association

Keith Brown thanked his nominators but declined the nomination.

Motion: That nominations be closed.

Brian Harris / Paul Robinson – CARRIED

Christine Wood, Debbie Hull, and Geoff Whitfield were appointed as scrutineers, and voting occurred by ballot. The President said that there was one invalid vote. He declared the result as follows:

- Beth Warman (42 votes)
- Karen McIntyre (23 votes)

The President declared Beth Warman elected as Vice President South Island.

12.7 Presentation of Badges

The President welcomed the new appointees to Executive Council and the Agility Committee and presented them with their respective NZKC badges.

12.8 Senior Vice President

The President called for nominations for the role.

- Geoff Collins – Bevan Dale / Clinton Hoeben
- Beth Warman – Moved / Kathleen Hardwick

Beth Warman thanked her nominators for their support, but declined the nomination.

The President declared Geoff Collins elected as Senior Vice President.

13. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor

Motion: That Deloitte be reappointed as auditor for the ensuing year.

Nigel Trainor / David Hardwick - CARRIED

Motion: That Gibson Sheat be reappointed as solicitors for the ensuing year.

Peter Sharp / Clinton Hoeben - CARRIED

14. Authority to Borrow

Motion: That the Executive Council continue to be given authority to borrow a maximum of \$250,000 for the year ending 30 June 2018 for the purposes, if needed, of the day-to-day running of the New Zealand Kennel Club

Ray Greer / Martin Hewitt - CARRIED

15. Annual Fees and Show Levies

The President said that the Consumer Price Index change for the year to 31 March 2017 was 2.2%. Pursuant to Rules 8A.2, 8A.3 and 35(a) of the Fees and Show Levies for the year commencing 1 July 2017, the Executive Council proposed the following fees:

Membership Fees		
Affiliated Societies	\$210.45 (incl GST)	
Associated Clubs	\$139.90 (incl GST)	
Recognised Clubs	\$48.55 (incl GST)	
Individual Membership (includes 2 nd member in household)	\$35.65 (incl GST)	
Joining	\$21.35 (incl GST)	
NZYKC	\$25.05 (incl GST)	
Renewal		
Membership – NZYKC	\$19.20 (incl GST)	
Rule 8A.3		
Gazette	\$42.60 (incl GST)	
Show Levies		
Championship Rate I	\$1.80 per entry/dog (plus GST)	Over 250 entries for Breed/Obedience, over 250 dogs for agility.

Championship Rate II	\$0.85 per entry/dog (plus GST)	First 250 entries for Breed/Obedience first 250 dogs for Agility.
Open Shows	\$0.43 per entry (plus GST)	

It was pointed out from the floor that this proposed motion was a rule change and, as such, would need to be done by way of remit. The President therefore set the matter aside.

After the lunch break, the President recommended the Annual Fees and Show Levies as amended:

Membership Fees		
Individual Membership (includes 2 nd member in household)	\$30.65 (incl GST)	
Rule 8A.3		
Gazette	\$47.60 (incl GST)	

Motion: That the 2017/2018 levies be accepted.

Dianne Tyssen / David Hardwick - CARRIED

16. Discussion Papers

Discussion Paper No. 1 – Show Representatives (Ladies Kennel Association)

The discussion paper asked that consideration be given to having Dog Show Representatives to assist clubs with show management. Points made in discussion, for and against, included:

- Shows needed to be well run and shorter.
- Poorly run shows could be contributing to reduced numbers.
- Some specialty clubs struggled to get a Show Manager or a Show Secretary.
- Show Reps would need to be appointed by NZKC so they were fully independent.
- There would need to be a regulatory component sitting behind it.
- Shows needed to be run better, but this was not the way to do it.
- There should be a system of helping people rather than penalising them.
- NZKC could compile and hold a list of competent Show Managers.
- NZKC could look at training for Show Managers rather than adding another person on the day.
- This could put off new exhibitors.
- People running the shows should be proactive in helping people not reactive.
- Exhibitors were choosing not to attend shows that were poorly run.

It was agreed that the Executive Council will take these comments on board, and discuss them further.

Discussion Paper No. 2 – Breeding Crossbreeds (Cambridge Kennel Association)

The discussion paper proposed that all DNZ-registered breeders and those in the Accredited Breeders Scheme (ABS) be discouraged from breeding crossbreeds when they sign up to become prefix holders or join the ABS. Points made in discussion included:

- How can we create something for the NZKC to encourage breeders of crossbreds to be part of the organisation?
- These breeders were not scrutinising homes well enough.
- The software needed to be able to identify the accepted colours of every breed.
- We are getting too far away from the concept of registering and maintaining a record for purebred dogs and, the more we do that, the more problems we will create.
- Some people with prefixes bred dogs specifically for agility and obedience.
- NZKC could put a stake in the ground by saying that it does not support its members who have prefixes breeding designer crossbreds.

On a show of hands, people overwhelmingly supported this suggestion.

Discussion Paper No. 3 – Third Championship Show (Cambridge Kennel Association)

The discussion paper proposed all clubs (including specialist breed or multi breed-group clubs) being allowed to hold a third championship show each year (upon request and approval from DNZ) provided they contract the services of a New Zealand judge (excluding All Breed Judges) for that show only. Points made in discussion included:

- We already have too many shows, although this is not necessarily true for those people out of the main centres.
- NZKC needs to be careful not to cheapen the championship status.
- All this will do is spread the dollars and the people more thinly.
- Some clubs already have a policy of supporting New Zealand judges.
- We need a balance between the number of shows and the number of New Zealand judges we use.
- The granting of benefit shows should be on the condition that they run open shows and ribbon parades because that was where they needed to be training judges.

The President summed up the discussion by saying that it was obvious the Executive Council needed to look at finding a mechanism to use New Zealand judges more.

Discussion Paper No. 4 – Discount for Senior Members (Cambridge Kennel Association)

The discussion paper proposed that DNZ introduce a discount for Senior Members in their Annual Subscription (not Kennel prefix and not registrations) on presentation of their Gold Card; this could be a percentage discount or a one-off figure for 1 year only. Points made in discussion included:

- This is not a good suggestion in the current financial circumstances.
- An alternative could be to give Senior Members recognition in the form of badges.
- Why not instead encourage younger and new members by offering discounts?
- Younger members should not be subsidising older members.

Discussion Paper No. 5 - Where have all the dog show people gone? (Marlborough Kennel Association)

Marlborough Kennel Association spoke to the discussion paper, which proposed a list of discussion topics on the future of conformation showing. The following points were made in discussion:

- The membership needed to give the parent body a mandate to be strong and make some big changes.
- In contrast to New Zealand's situation, most kennel clubs around the world were growing, as were their shows.
- NZKC needed to get younger people in a room and have a conversation with them about what the Kennel Club needs to look like.
- Judges need to provide exhibitors with critiques that show why they are making the decisions they are.
- NZKC should look at what other kennel clubs around the world are doing differently.
- NZKC needs to be much more active in social media.
- The calendar needs to be reviewed to stop shows clashing.
- Ways need to be found of encouraging people to go on to committees.
- The whole environment of a club needs to be attractive to potential new members, and new members need to feel welcome and supported.
- New members should be provided with mentors.
- There were no younger people on the Executive Council.
- The ability for a member of the public to buy a pedigree dog, unencumbered, would be nice!
- All negativity needs to go, and people must treat each other with respect.
- A&P shows were a good opportunity for generating support.

The President said that many good points had been made in this discussion that warranted further attention by the Executive Council.

Discussion Item (formerly remit 2) – Southern Bulldog Club

Earlier in the meeting it had been agreed to move remit 2 to a discussion item. It proposed a new rule allowing for the establishment of a task force by the delegates.

The President said that currently the Executive Council had the power to set up subcommittees to look at any matter that came to the Board. With Brachy breeds being under the microscope worldwide, the Canine Health and Welfare Committee, together with the Canine Health Officer, had set up a subcommittee called the Brachycephalic Working Group. At present the group was concentrating on bulldogs, but it was felt that it needed to be widened to cover all Brachy breeds. The group was thinking strategically about how to approach some of the issues to do with Brachys so they can ensure that all Brachy breed dogs being bred in New Zealand are healthy. There was the even wider picture to consider of standards and how they were encouraging extremities, which were leading to unhealthy dogs. The Judges Association will also have to pick up the ball on this, and they will need education.

Loretta Lovell (Southern Bulldog Club) said that, in light of comments coming from groups such as NAWAC and NZVA, her club was looking to find a way to be proactive and to lead a wide discussion about Brachy breeds so that everyone understood the issues. In order to start some

of those conversations she was looking for support from this meeting for a mandate, including a clear terms of reference and engagement strategy. She acknowledged the Brachy group that had been set up, but she felt it was not working properly. The initiative needed to be club-led and have a wider framework.

After discussion, the President said that the issues will be discussed further with Loretta, then the Executive Council will make a decision on how to move forward.

17. General Business

Notice of Motion – Proposed Amendment to Regulation 9.1.1

Under Rule 17 of the Rules of the NZKC, the Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association moved:

That the Executive Council amend Registration Regulation 9.1.1 of the NZKC's Registration Regulations to read:

“Dogs whelped from a litter for which a Combined Certificate of Service and Litter Notification form has been filed within 1 year from the date of whelping should be registered with New Zealand Kennel Club within two years from the date of whelping.”

David Hardwick / Kathleen Hardwick

The rationale for the recommendation was set out in the notice of motion tabled at this meeting.

The following comments were made in discussion:

- This is a breach of the Code of Ethics. All members of NZKC agree to register litters.
- All members of NZKC need to be accountable for what they are breeding.
- The second register was available, although it was getting more expensive.
- If you breed a litter there is no reason for not registering all the puppies, using those endorsements available for puppies not up to standard.
- Breeders have to register to maintain who they are and what they do.

David said he accepted the feeling of the meeting, and withdrew the motion.

Executive Council Minutes

Comment was made from the floor that Rule 23(d) stated that a report from the Executive Council meeting must be published in the next issue of the *NZ Dog World*.

The Director/Secretary said that, to save space in that magazine, the minutes were being put on the website or, if requested, emailed out.

Comment was made that many members do not have access to the Internet. The mood of the meeting was that Management revert to putting them into the magazine.

Action: Director/Secretary

Attendance at Executive Council Meetings

A request was made that the number of meetings attended by each Council member over a year be included in the Year Book.

Action: Director/Secretary

Website

Comment was made from the floor that the website was the public face of NZKC so, as such, was very important. The website was one of the first places a potential sponsor might look to find out about the organisation. Therefore, it should show how widespread NZKC was by listing all venues run and owned by the clubs. The Director/Secretary said he will resend the request he made 3 or 4 years ago asking for those details.

Action: Director/Secretary

Drop-Down Boxes

A request was made that the Registrations Team have drop-down boxes for all breeds. The Director/Secretary said that that was the next “cab off the rank” for IT support.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.56 p.m.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President

Date