



ACOD 2024 Minutes

Minutes of the 138th Annual Conference of Delegates

Saturday 29th June 2024, 10.00 am to 4.00pm

Level 4 Members' Lounge at Sky Stadium in Wellington

1. Roll Call

The President, The President, welcomed delegates to 138th Annual Conference and thanked everyone for attending.

Motion: That this is a properly constituted annual meeting under the rules of the NZKC.

**Moved: Keith Brown Seconded: Geraldine Gulbransen
CARRIED**

President: Brian Harris

Senior Vice-President and North Island Vice-President: Steve Tate

South Island Vice-President: Catherine McManus

Councillors: Jill Brooker, Chris Richardson (Agility), Martin Hewitt (Life Member), Karen McIntyre, Fiona Hodgson, Geoff Collins (Dog Training) Stephen Meredith, Lynley Drummond
Steven Thompson (Director Secretary, Dogs New Zealand)

The President requested the Director Secretary call the roll to confirm attendance.

Present:

Name of Club	Delegates
Ashburton Kennel Association	William Robertson (Bill)
Auckland Kennel Council	Gay Meredith Meg Hamilton
Buller Kennel Association	Apology
Cambridge Kennel Association	Lin Feng
Canterbury Kennel Association	Helen Dupe
Canterbury Ladies Kennel Association	Arvine Gamblin
Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	Elza Maulder
East Coast Ladies Kennel Association	Fiona Hodgson
Eastern Bay Of Plenty Kennel Association	Kay O'Carroll

Franklin Kennel Association	Ashleigh Rogers
Geraldine County Kennel Association	Robert Alcantara (JR) Nigel Trainor
Gore & District Kennel Association	Sue Pinnow
Hamilton Kennel Association	Sue Chaytor Giselle Jeannes
Hauraki Canine Association	Merle Powley
Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	Apology
Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association	Shirley Rolfe
Horowhenua Kennel Association	Karen Leslie Sarah Elliot
Huntly & Districts Kennel Association	Debra Weatherley-Hull
Hutt Valley Kennel Centre	Gary Carleton Lyn Carleton
Kapi-Mana Kennel Society	Caroline Mathieson
Kumeu Kennel Association	Karla Magnus
Ladies Kennel Association	Dianne Rogers
Manawatu Kennel Association	Geraldine Gulbransen Lisa Sutcliffe
Marlborough Kennel Association	Michelle Turner Susan van der Pol
Napier Kennel Centre	Apology
Nelson District Kennel Association	Carol Dayman
Nelson Ladies Kennel Association	Elaine Beattie
New Plymouth Kennel Centre	Gail Simpson

North Canterbury Kennel Association	Donna Wright Lesley Chalmers
North Harbour Kennel Association	Gary Withers
North Otago Kennel Association	Raelene Guthrie
Otago Kennel Association	Louise Thompson-Parker
Pencarrow Kennel Association	Martyn Slade Steph Ebbeling
Rotorua Kennel Association	Ros Mihaka
Ruahine Kennel Association	John Clarke Denise Clarke
South Canterbury Kennel Association	Nigel Trainor
South Taranaki Kennel Centre	Angela Dryden
Southern Ladies Kennel Association	Christine Wood
Southland Kennel Association	Janine King
Taupo Kennel Association	Apology
Tauranga Kennel Association	Michele Reichmuth
The Plains Kennel Association	Arvine Gamblin
Tokoroa Canine Association	Glenis Candy
Upper Hutt Kennel Association	Lisa Slade
Waikouaiti Kennel Association	Simon Monson Elizabeth Monson
Waimakariri Kennel Association	Martin Hewitt
Waimate Kennel Society	Kathryn Stewart
Wairarapa Kennel Association	Solitaire Robertson Tui Cherry
Wairoa Kennel Association	Apology
Wanganui Kennel Society	Amanda Calman Erica Rowe

Wellington Kennel Centre	Samantha Diggins Carolyn Stevens
Wellington Ladies Kennel Association	Anne Dobie
West Coast Kennel Association	Janine King
Life Members	Rosemary Cleator Jean McErlane Pam Douglas Owen Dance Betty Parker Geoff Whitfield Lesley Chalmers Keith Brown
President	Brian Harris
Executive Council	Steve Tate Jill Brooker Chris Richardson Martin Hewitt (Life Member) Karen McIntyre Fiona Hodgson Geoff Collins Stephen Meredith Lynley Drummond Catherine McManus
Dog Training	Geoff Collins Rosemary Cleator Sue Howe Bernadette Thompson

Agility	Paul Taylor Rosemarie Baker Heather Hood Robyn Fargher
Auckland Group & Multibreed	Lynley Bray
Auckland Specialist	Lynley Bray
Hawkes Bay Associated Clubs	Bronwyn Murdoch
Waikato Specialist	Pam Douglas (Life Member)
Taranaki/Wanganui	Angela Dryden
Wellington Group & Multibreed / Specialist	Sonya Sloan
Canterbury Group & Multibreed / Specialist	Diane Riley
Otago/Southland	Elizabeth Monson
Canterbury Specialist Breeds	John Vuleta

Current voting strength recorded at 67. A vote of 45 to pass a remit.

The President requested the Director Secretary announce the apologies lodged.

Apologies:

John Perfect (Life Member)	Hawkes Bay Kennel Association
David Fifield (Life Member)	Napier Kennel Centre
Shona Prebble (Life Member)	Southern Ladies Kennel Association
Maureen Boyd (Life Member)	Wairoa Kennel Association
Jack Boyd (Life Member)	Debra Logie
Bernard Fears (Life Member)	Bill Murdoch
Beth Warman (Life Member)	Dauida Brown
Margaret Wilson (Life Member)	Jean McErlane (Life Member)
Maree Dickey (Life Member)	New Zealand Gundog Trials Association
Ray Greer (Life Member)	
Pat McDonald (Life Member)	
Buller Kennel Association	

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Mover: Steven Meredith Seconder: Susan van der Pol

CARRIED

Staff in Attendance

Steven Thompson (Director Secretary, Dogs New Zealand)

Victoria Nelson (Treasurer)

Colleen Begg (Club and Membership Manager)

Linda Ford (Executive Administrator)

Affiliations and Disaffiliations

There are no new affiliations or disaffiliations for the 2023/2024 year.

2. Obituaries

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

Peg Fleming, Blenheim

Loraine Humphrey, Stratford

Marlene Cooney, Levin

Shirley Brown, Albany

George Gallop, Stratford

Aynslie Goldsmith, Levin

Bernard Hall, Christchurch

Diane Kimber, Hawkes Bay

Rose Best, Porirua

Dulcie (Robin) Ashley, Christchurch

Hans Koerselman, Auckland

Wendy O'More, Levin

Gordon Rumpler, Napier

Barbera Tate, Stratford

Dale Connelly, Napier

David Hardwick, Te Kauwhata

Judy Sargent, Te Kowhai

Bev McIver, Paeroa

Noeleen Campbell, Rangiora

Shirley Cheshir, Christchurch

Tania Colquhoun, Henderson

Lesley Emms, Christchurch

Mary Swain, Milton

Murray Smithson, Marton

Norm Claude, Life Member, Upper Hutt

Ruth Havler, Dunedin

Elizabeth Blake-Watts, Waihi

Pam Peters, Tuakau

Helen Pitcher, Levin

Pat Hedges. Auckland

Dianne Tyssen, Invercargill, Life Member

Carol Black, Ashburton

Heather Tee, Pleasant Point

Kim Wylie, Shannon

Jocelyn Field, Putaruru

Bruce Christieson, Ohaupo

David Phipps, Cambridge

Janet Barkas, Wellington

Carol Clark,

3. Minutes of 2023 Annual Conference of Delegates

Motion: That the Minutes be taken as read.

Moved: Jill Brooker **Seconder:** Catherine McManus

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

No matters arising were tabled.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 137th Annual Meeting held on Saturday 24 June 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Gary Carleton **Seconder:** Lisa Slade

CARRIED

4. Breeders Hall of Fame

- The President invited Steven Thompson to present this award alongside him.
- The President spoke to the Martyn Kennel presentation.
- The President and Steven Thompson presented Martyn and Lisa Slade, owners of Martyn Kennel, the 2024 NZKC Breeders Hall of Fame.

5. Certificate of Appreciation

- The President presented Shirley Rolfe with the Certificate of Appreciation.

6. Reports

President's Reports

The President presented the President's report as read.

Presidents Report 2023/24

The 2023/24 year has seen some important developments in the administration and governance of Dogs NZ.

Governance Initiatives

The establishment of a Strategy Committee Working Group with a mandate to make recommendations on an appropriate fit for purpose governance structure was a key priority identified in our 10-year Strategy. After extensive consultation with members we can expect a number of remit recommendations to be presented at 2025 ACOD to ensure that we have the appropriate voting representation and governance committee structure.

The sale of our Porirua facility and the establishment of an investment fund means that the organisation is now financially sustainable and to ensure that we continue to manage these funds in a responsible manner, a Treasury Committee (consisting of the President, Vice President, Chair of Risk, Audit & Finance, Director Secretary and Treasurer) has been established. The income from our investment fund will play an increasingly important role in funding any future major initiative we choose to make.

A Solid Financial Year

We had originally budgeted for a deficit year but a close focus on costs and the delayed implementation of some major projects were the key ingredients for a satisfactory financial result which resulted in a surplus of \$275,209 including net gains of non-realised investment income.

To better understand our financial result and accounts please read the following financial report prepared by the Chair of Risk, Audit and Finance and management While we face challenges in managing the increasing cost of everything we want to do as an organisation we enjoy a strong balance sheet with nil debt and healthy cash reserves.

National Office Staff

With the objective of developing the National Office into a modern service organisation there have been several changes to our office structure that take advantage of the automation of our dog registry.

All registry functions are now under the control of Sue Connor who lead the automation project To ensure that we can fast track our membership services automation and web refresh projects we have recruited for a full time Database & Web.

Development role The FY 2024-25 budget includes further investment in our office capability, and I look forward to enjoying the improvements in membership services over the next year.

Last year we said goodbye to Marilyn Head who retired after 32 years of service to members and I would like to thank all our staff who worked so hard over the past twelve months.

Our Sports Codes

To provide an indoor venue for dog sports in the Lower North Island, Dogs NZ has entered into a five-year agreement to use the superb Manfeild Stadium facilities in Feilding A number of Breed, Dog Training and Agility Clubs have booked their 2024 show weekends at Manfeild and we look forward to the venue hosting our 2024 National Dog Show in September.

It is pleasing to see a number of clubs hosting FCI CACIB Shows Our agreement with FCI to host a minimum of 4 CACIB shows a year is important in maintaining our ability to attract overseas judges for our shows and import/export our dogs to FCI countries.

I would like to thank the organising committees of our three national dog shows NDS, NZDAC and NZDTA for hosting successful events in October 2023 These shows continue to play an important role in show casing the best of Dogs NZ sports.

Sponsorship Partners

The increase in our office IT capability has allowed us to start implementation of a number of programmes to support breeders, new puppy owners, canine training and the promotion of club shows in partnership with our key naming sponsor Nestle Purina. I want to express my gratitude to the Purina Pro-Plan team lead by Miranda Stevens for their support.

PD Insurance is now a major sponsor of Dogs NZ and members are enjoying the fruits of the establishment of a very successful relationship which has included a refresh of Dog-iE newsletter and the launch of our co-branded Dogs NZ Insurance. If you want to learn more about our Dogs NZ insurance program contact Jacqui Whelan and the PD Insurance team via our website.

Canine Health & Welfare

Being an effective, active advocate for the health and welfare of dogs is a key component to remaining relevant and retaining our social license as an organisation. It is pleasing to see the increase in the number of breeds adopting our minimum health testing (LRL) program. I would like to thank the CH&W Committee for their work in reviewing and streamlining the process for breeders and clubs to adopt minimum health testing standards for their breed.

Another key highlight was the expansion of a national network of vet assessors of the RFG Scheme for breathing tolerance testing for Brachycephalic dogs. Dogs NZ was among the first national kennel clubs to adopt the scheme outside of the UK and RFG tests will be an important component of any future LRL for Brachycephalic Breeds.

Finally

And finally, I want to thank the Executive Council for their hard work under sometimes difficult conditions to keep our club a viable functioning entity. More importantly I want to thank those many people outside of EC who have done so much for our club over the last year.

- The committee of Canine Health and Welfare who have done another superb job this year.
- John Green, Sonia Nicholson and Catherine McManus whose sound advice on the Audit and Risk Committee has been invaluable.
- The Capex Committee who had to make some tough calls for this year and going forward.
- Geoff Whitfield who as Chair of the Complaints Committee has done an amazing job dealing with issues that take a special person.
- Martin Hewitt and the Breed Standards Committee.
- The Chairs of the Dogs NZ properties and their committees.
- The NZ Dog Judges Assn.
- The Trustees of the Dogs NZ Museum Trust.
- The Junior Dog Training and Conformation committees.

As you can see Executive Council relies heavily on the contributions and support of a huge number of individuals to keep your club functioning and progressing. To you all and the many more that I have missed my very grateful thanks.

Brian Harris - President

Moved: Jill Brooker Seconder: Lesley Chalmers

REPORT RECEIVED

Matters arising from the President's report

There were no matters arising from the President's report.

Annual Report

Motion: That the 2023/2024 Annual Report be adopted.

Moved: Lynley Bray Seconded: Bernadette Thompson

ADOPTED

Financials (year ending 31 March 2024)/Capex Committee Report

Strategy Committee

Capex Committee

From the Floor:

Nigel Trainor disputed that the chair of Risk Audit & Finance (RAF) should not be presenting the financials and questions should be addressed to the President and Treasurer.

John Green acknowledged the comments from Nigel Trainor.

Financial Report (year ending 31 March 2024)

John Green, Chair of RAF presented the Financial Report – PowerPoint presentation.

Capital Expenditure:

Steve Tate, Executive Council member presented the Capital Expenditure – PowerPoint presentation.

National Office Projects – IT and Show Manager Programme:

Steven Thompson, Director-Secretary presented on the:

- IT projects within the National Office;
- Show Manager Programme;
- website updates;
- digital access for new membership including a digital card;
- automation of the award programmes; and
- seals to be placed on the championship titles.

Questions From the Floor:

Samantha Diggins raised the issue of digitizing the old dog registry cards that are in archive storage and the Director Secretary agreed that if grant funding can be arranged this would be a good summer work project for a University Student.

Nigel Trainor raised a number of questions regarding the audited accounts and head office operations:

- Do we have too many sub committees?
- Growth in Head Office costs
- The need for key sports disciplines to meet its own cost
- Loss at the National Dog despite holding it at our own venue
- Difficulty in tracking revenue, movement in investment funds with the way the current accounts are presented.
- Applauded the investment in digital membership services.

- Questioned the valuation of the properties which have a heavily depreciated book value and if it was better to use the insurance valuation so we can leverage the balance sheet if required.

Geoff Whitfield raised the fact that for FY 2024-25 Business Plan was budgeting for a loss which is not sustainable long term, especially with the ongoing investment in our venues and the new deal with Manfeild Trust. The Director Secretary outlined the budget process which involves consultation with all the active committees in preparing a draft budget which is reviewed by both RAF and E.C. before being adopted. Pam Douglas would like a copy of the budget available for members.

Sonya Sloan questioned the cost of the Manfield deal and Susan van der Pol raised the issue of yearly cost escalation with a 5 year agreement. The Director Secretary outlines the process of budgeting the subsidy payments and the financial agreement with clubs to use the venue. Hire & venue rates with Manfield are re-set on a yearly basis. The Director Secretary also reminded members that we already subsidize our existing venues in Auckland and Dunedin and that current hire fees would be double if we were to fully recover all costs.

Amanda Calman pointed out the inconsistencies of the calculation of % in the Year Book registry table (P.7) and if the events income / expenditure summary in the audited accounts reflected all national / FCI events (they do).

Giselle Jeannes questioned the cost of the Year Book and its readability. The Director Secretary outlined what communication goals they were trying to achieve with the new format and would take on board any feedback regarding the design and layout.

Motion: That the 2023/2024 annual accounts be accepted as read in the 2023/2024 Yearbook.

Moved: Nigel Trainor Seconder: Catherine McManus

CARRIED

REPORT ACCEPTED

7. Annual Subscription Approval

Agree to Subscription Fees and Show Levies

Motion: 2024/2025 fees and show levies be approved as per page 14 of the Yearbook.

Moved: Jill Brooker Seconder: Chris Richardson

CARRIED

REPORT RECEIVED

8. Remits 1 to 5

President – the vote will be from a show of cards. Green – is for yes. Yellow – no.

Remit 1 by Agility Committee

Chris Richardson was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Agility Committee.

Motion

Change Rule 15 (e) to allow for the absence of the Chair from Annual Conference and to reflect that agility does not have regional representatives.

(iii) By the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee, four delegates who shall be the Chairperson of the committee ex officio (and/or the Agility Executive Councillor) and ~~the three regional any other agility committee members representatives~~, and where such delegates attend such annual conference or special general meeting, they shall be paid reasonable travelling and accommodation expenses by the New Zealand Kennel Club. ~~The deputy regional representative shall take the place of any regional representative unable to attend the conference or any special general meeting.~~

Rationale

The current wording for the AC delegates to ACOD was not updated when the change was made to allow someone other than the Chair of the Agility Committee to be the Executive Council representative for Agility.

Mover: Chris Richardson Seconder: Geoff Collins

Vote by show of cards. The President called the roll for remit 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Questions from the floor:

Lesley Chalmers spoke that the rules need upgrading so that all sectors of NZKC are fairly represented at ACOD.

Remit 2 by Executive Council

Steven Meredith was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Executive Council.

Motion

Adjustment to the following rules and definitions:

Rule 3:

(v) 'Show' and 'Fixture' includes Championship Show, Open Show, Ribbon Parade, Field Trial, Water Trial, Championship Obedience Test, Obedience Open Trial, Obedience Ribbon Trial, Companion Dog Trial, Utility Dog Trial, Working Dog Trial, Tracking Dog Trial, Championship Rally-O Event, Rally-O Ribbon Trial, Championship Agility Event, Agility Open Event, Agility Ribbon Trial, **Championship Jumpers Event, Jumpers Ribbon Trial, Championship Games Event, Games Ribbon Trial, Championship Hoopers Event, Scent Work Trial, Lure Coursing Judged Event,** and Field Trial and Water Trial Training Classes.

Rule 4:

(d) (i) Subject to the provisions of sub paragraph (e) of this Rule and to Rule 5 and 6 hereof, a person must be a member of the New Zealand Kennel Club pursuant to Rule 4(a) and 4(c) or to Rule 4(b) hereof before he can either alone or in partnership or jointly with any other person:

- (1) Register a dog with the New Zealand Kennel Club.
- (2) Register or renew the registration of a kennel name with the New Zealand Kennel Club.
- (3) ~~{a}~~ Enter a dog at any **Championship Show, Open Show or any qualifying Dogs New Zealand event** ~~or;~~

~~{b}~~ ~~Enter, exhibit and/or handle a dog at any Championship Obedience Test, Open Obedience Trial, Companion Dog Trial, Utility Dog Trial, Working Dog Trial, Tracking Dog Trial, Championship Agility Event, Agility Open Event or Agility Dog Class.~~

Rule 31:

(h) A Dog registered on Part 1 or Part 2 may **enter any Dogs New Zealand Non-Conformation events** ~~compete at any aAgility, oObedience, Rally-O, Scent Work, Lure Coursing or wWorking tTrials events,~~ and is eligible for all titles in these disciplines.

Add Definition

Non-Conformation Events - Refer to any Dogs New Zealand trial, meet, test or events (other than NZGTA trial events) **where the performance and not the conformation of the dogs is judged.**

Rationale

Clarifies the range of new sports that operate under the rules of NZKC.

Mover: Steven Meredith Seconder: Gary Carleton

Add amendment:

Under the section add definition – add the wording after the word even “other than NZGDTA trial events”.

Vote by show of cards. The President called the above amendment roll for remit 2.

Mover: Steve Tate Seconder: Jill Brooker

CARRIED

Add amendment:

Add Tracking Trials to the list.

Vote by show of cards. The President called the above amendment roll for remit 2.

Mover: Rosemary Cleator Seconder: Lynley Drummond

CARRIED

Vote by show of cards. The President called the roll for remit 2 with both amendments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Questions from the floor:

John Vuleta raised the comment from his club that this sport list keeps growing with too many subcommittees. The Club believes that the rules should cover the key sports codes and the code committees approve the disciplines within the committees.

Remit 3 by Executive Council

Fiona Hodgson was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Executive Council.

Motion

That Rule 20 Constitution Sections d) (vii) Amend as follows:

(vii) (a) ~~From 2016 and thereafter a~~ All members of Executive Council (including the President) are elected for a two year term, shall retire (at the termination of their elected term) and shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment for the ensuing term ~~irrespective of whether they are delegates or not~~ subject however to the provisions of Rule 20 (a) hereof.

~~(b) For the purposes of the 2015 election the President and the two highest polling candidates from each island will be deemed to be elected to a term of two years, and the two lowest polling candidates from each Island will serve a term of one year. In the advent of there being no election for either Island a vote from the floor will be held to ascertain the two highest polling candidates from each island.~~

~~(c)~~ (b) If there should be insufficient candidates from either island, nominations from the floor will be called for to fill the required vacancy for that island.

Rationale

The temporary rule outlined in this section to cover the move to electing Executive Council members each year is no longer required but the term of the Executive Council members needs to be added into the initial sentence as it is being removed via the temporary rule.

The line about returning Executive Council members being delegates is a duplicate of 20 (a) (i) and (ii).

Added more specific wording to clarify that the island balance for representation must be maintained.

Mover: Fiona Hodgson Seconder: Chris Richardson

Vote by show of cards. The President called the roll for remit 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Remit 4 by Executive Council

Brian Harris was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Executive Council.

Background:

To meet the requirements of the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 a number of changes to our existing Rules of the NZKC will need to be ratified at ACOD 2024.

This will include a title change as under the new act the Rules become our Constitution. Other changes include rules concerning Membership, ACOD, Duties of Executive Council and Duties of Director Secretary.

Proposed Rule Changes:

Relevant changes proposed are:

Title Pages:

Title changes from Rules to Constitution

Section I General

New Definition: -

(ac) **“Constitution”** means the rules in this document.

Section V:

Remove the word Constitution from this section heading.

20. ~~Constitution~~ Election of Officers

Rationale:

Our Rules are now our Constitution.

Section II Membership

Rule 4 Membership

4 (c) (i) When a person completes an online membership application form and makes payment of the membership fee they have consented to become a member of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

4. (c) (ix) Members have an obligation to inform the New Zealand Kennel Club in writing of any changes in name or contact details.

Renumber Rule 4 (c) (i) – (xii)

4. (d) (8) Request a copy of any personal membership information held by the New Zealand Kennel Club.

Rationale:

New rules regarding requirements for membership consent, rights to request information and contact detail changes as required under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Section IV Annual Conference of Delegates and Special General Meetings

15 (a) A Conference of Delegates shall be held annually in Wellington **within 6 months of the end of the New Zealand Kennel Club’s financial year.**

Rationale:

Requirement of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Section VI Administration

Rule 22 Duties of Executive Council

- 22 (j) The Executive Council and its offices shall at all times comply with the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and exercise reasonable care and diligence in the governance and operation of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

Rule 25 Duties of Director Secretary and Treasurer

- 25 (b) To maintain all records of the New Zealand Kennel Club and file with the Registrar of the Incorporated Societies, Annual Financial Statements and Returns within 6 months of the New Zealand Kennel Club financial year.
- 25 (c) To conduct and record all correspondence and act as the dedicated contact persons to the Registrar of the Incorporated Societies.

Rationale:

Meets the requirement of Incorporated Societies Act 2022 on expressed duties of committee members and key officers.

Mover: Brian Harris

Vote by show of cards. The President called the roll for remit 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion:

The Director Secretary answered a number of questions regarding the requirement of the Incorporated Society Act and a request was made by Donna Right to remove the word Wellington from the sentence regarding an annual conference. This will require separate Remit to next years ACOD.

Remit 5 by Dog Training Committee

Geoff Collins was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Dog Training Committee.

Motion:

That List of Rules and Rule 20 Constitution Sections d) (i) (3) be Amend as follows:

1. Change to list of Rules on page 2:

NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB (Inc)
MISSION STATEMENT
TO ENCOURAGE & SUPPORT THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
by PROVIDING & ADMINISTERING
Rules of the New Zealand Kennel Club
Discipline and Settlement of Disputes Regulations
Show Regulations
~~O~~bedience Dog Training Regulations
Judges Panel
Registration Regulations
Hoopers Regulation
Scent Work Regulations
Lure Coursing Regulations

2. Change to Rule 20 (d) (i) (3) Constitution and Election of Officers:

- (d) (i) Membership of the Executive Council shall be:
- (1) The President, ex officio, who shall be the Chairman of the Executive Council
and
 - (2) Four members residing in the North Island, and four members residing in the South Island as elected at the relevant Annual Conference.
 - (3) The New Zealand Dog Training Committee Chairperson. A deputy shall act as an alternative in the absence of the ~~O~~bedience Dog Training Chairperson.
 - (4) One member of the New Zealand Agility Committee. A deputy shall act as an alternative in the absence of the delegated committee member.

Rationale:

Remits to change “NZKC Dog Obedience Regulations” and “New Zealand Kennel Club Obedience Committee” to “NZKC Dog Training Regulations” and “New Zealand Kennel Club Training Committee” were passed at the 2021 ACOD.

However, some changes were missed so this is a tidy-up to capture the remaining required change.

Mover: Geoff Collins Seconder: Steve Tate

Vote by show of cards. The President called the roll for remit 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACOD broke for lunch at 12.15pm and resumed again at 1.15pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COLLEEN BEGG

The Clubs and Executive Council acknowledged Colleen Begg's 37 years of service to Dogs New Zealand.

9. Recommendations (1 to 6)

President – the vote will be from a show of cards. Green – is for yes. Yellow – no.

Recommendation 1 by Geraldine County Kennel Association

The President invited Nigel Trainor to present the recommendation.

Recommendation 1 by Geraldine County Kennel Association

Motion:

Amend Show Regulation: 20.11 Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches and Show Regulation 7.5 Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches at Championship Shows.

Amend Show Regulation 20.11

~~Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches may be exhibited breed classes at any Specialist Breed, Multibreed or Group club Championship Show where the acceptance of entry from spayed and neutered dogs has been published in the schedule for the show.~~

Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches are disqualified from being shown in Breed Classes other than specific Neuter/Spay classes at All Breeds Championship Shows.

A certificate of a veterinary inspector appointed by the show committee will be accepted as conclusive evidence in the event of a protest being lodged.

Amend Show Regulation 7.5

Neutered Dogs and Spayed Bitches at Championship Shows.

A Neutered Dog or Spayed bitch can be exhibited.

- In any stake class for which they are eligible at any Championship Show.
- ~~Breed classes at any Specialist Breed, Multibreed or Group club championship show.~~
- In specific Neuter/Spay Breed Classes where such a class is provided at any All-Breeds Champion show

This clause shall not permit the exhibition of Neutered Dogs or Spayed Bitches in any other Breed Class at any other Championship Show.

Rationale:

Dog shows has a long history which started with Breeders exhibiting their stock at shows, demonstrating improvements in the various breeds and collaborating with like minded people on the breeding stock available.

It is only recently that the neutered and spayed classes have been made available.

There are several issues with the ability to have neutered and spayed bitches should in any class at specialist, multi breed and group clubs, which are:

1. A spayed bitch is advantaged as a neutered dogs will not meet the standard which in most breeds states “NOTE: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.”
2. In conflict with Show Regulation 23.1 which states “Challenge Certificates will be offered for competition for the best of each sex and for the best neutered/spayed of each sex at All Breeds Championship shows where a separate neuter class is offered for each breed or variety of breed for which a separate register is kept.” No where in Show Regulations 23 does it allow for issuing Challenge Certificates to Neutered/Spayed bitch in terms of current regulation 20.11, is a best dog/best bitch at a Specialist show who is neutered or spayed receiving a Challenge Certificate or Neutered Challenge Certificate
3. A spayed bitch who is not on the neutered registered could be shown as per 20.11 and if the bitch won best bitch, they effectively would receive a CC.

There is a class for neutered dogs and spayed bitches which is class 18 and 18a which should apply to all championship shows.

Moved: Nigel Trainor Seconder: Donna Wright

Vote by show of cards. The President put recommendation 1 to the vote.

RECOMMENDATION – LOST

Green card 9

Yellow card 58

Discussion:

The recommendation ignited a vigorous debate with those supporting the recommendation making the following points:

- It is not against neutered and spayed dogs. They can still enter class 18 & 18a.
- Supports the importance of showing your breeding stock at shows which was the original reason for conformation shows.

Those that spoke against the recommendation raised the following issues:

- Will not increase entries and small Clubs could lose show income.
- Having class 18 & 18a only at All Breed shows is a backward step
- It should be a club decision if they want to limit Neuter only to class 18 & 18a.

Recommendation 2 by Geraldine County Kennel Association

The President invited Nigel Trainor to present the recommendation.

Recommendation 2 by Geradine County Kennel Association

Motion:

Amend Show Regulation: 4 Judging and Judging Appointments

Remove Show Regulation 4.1.1 (c)

4.1.1(c) All Championship All Breed shows shall contain at least one New Zealand domiciled judge actively judging at least one group at the show.

Rationale:

The show regulation was first introduced to assist with ensuring championship group judges were receiving appointments.

The objective of the regulation isn't being met and is placing undue pressure on several clubs to meet this regulation.

All Breed clubs in provincial New Zealand have reducing entries, a number will have two championship shows over a weekend and only need two All Breeds judges to officiate. This regulation means that one of the All-Breeds judges must be a New Zealand judge or they have the expense of having to pay travel and accommodation costs for an additional judge.

New Zealand has a relatively small pool of judges and there is simply not sufficient for this regulation to work. This in turn is leading to reduced entries and financial consequences for clubs which will ultimately be borne by the exhibitor – this is a spiral effect.

Any recently appointed group judge should have their first appointment made available by their own All Breeds Club. NZDJA have also changed the requirements which is dogs judged based on dogs judged rather appointments.

Moved: Nigel Trainor Seconder: Lisa Slade

Vote by show of cards. The President put recommendation 2 to the vote.

RECOMMENDATION – CARRIED

Green 60

Yellow 7

Recommendation 3 by Waikouaiti Kennel Association

The President invited Nigel Trainor to present the recommendation.

Recommendation 3 by Waikouaiti Kennel Association

Motion:

Amend Show Regulation 2.1.2 Granting of Show Dates

Amend Show Regulation 2.1.2.3

In allocating championship show dates the following criteria should be observed:

First – Dates of Shows in previous years

Next – Dates requested

Next – Conflict with the conduct of a show of another club within ~~a reasonable geographical area~~ the same Island.

Amend Show Regulation 2.1.2.5

The prior consent in writing is obtained of all Societies approved to conduct a show involving all or any of the same within ~~a radius of 325 kilometers~~ the same Island on the date(s) being vacated and the date(s) being applied for in the same island.

Rationale:

In April 2023 Executive Council voted to add “a radius of 325 kilometers” to support specialist and Breed Clubs and allow each to run a show outside of this radius.

WKA acknowledge that the change to this regulation will have some unintended consequences and this substantive change to the regulations should have been completed in consultation with Clubs prior to introduction. While the intention of the change may have been to more easily define a “reasonable geographical” and was in response to the request of a specialist club to hold a show the same weekend as an All Breeds Club (which takes precedence under rule 2.1.2.4.) within the same island, the fixed radius of 325km (that matches the Judges Regulations) has the potential to affect the overall entry, and hence the financial viability of all clubs within the same island.

All clubs attempt to do the best they can to maximise entries. A large number of exhibitors travel to shows frequently well in excess of this 325km distance, so allowing two shows to be conducted within the same island on the same date will have a negative impact on entries to both clubs. Making this change would not affect rule 2.1.3 allowing the option of consent to be given in writing by any Club ranking higher in priority.

Changing this regulation will support existing regulations and minimise the number of conflicts requiring intervention by office staff and Executive Council.

Moved: Nigel Trainor Seconder: Gary Carleton

Amendment:

An amendment to the recommendation to include “a radius of 325 kilometers and/or the same island”

Moved: Lesley Chalmers Seconder: Susan van der Pol

Abstain: Nigel Trainor

Vote by show of cards. The President put the above recommendation to the vote.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION – LOST

Green 1

Yellow 66

Moved: Nigel Trainor Seconder: Elizabeth Monson

Vote by show of cards. The President put the original recommendation 3 to the vote.

RECOMMENDATION – LOST

Green 13

Yellow 54

Discussion:

The recommendation discussion focused on the issues of securing judges and exhibitors to remote shows in the South Island were traveling distance, suitable venue availability all impact on show numbers and clubs financial viability. It is important that the All Breed and Speciality Clubs work together to maximise show opportunities on joint weekends.

Recommendation 4 by Irish Setter Club

The President invited Pam Douglas to present the recommendation.

Recommendation 4 by Irish Setter Club

Motion:

Amend Show Regulation 2.2.1 Approval of Format of Show to include discounted rate for schedule published in New Zealand Dog World for Breed Clubs.

Amend Show Regulation 2.2.1

For Championship Shows and Championship Obedience Tests - By completing the Official Schedule Performa form published or approved by the New Zealand Kennel Club and forwarding it to the New Zealand Kennel Club on or before the closing date for publication of the schedule in the New Zealand Kennel Gazette.

Rationale:

Breed clubs are limited in their entries, it seems unfair they are required to pay the same rate as **all** Breed clubs for their show schedule to be published. With the current decline in breed entries, costs for running shows, costs charged to clubs by New Zealand Kennel Club need to be fair based on the type of club.

At the Executive Council meeting held 24th and 25th Feb 2024 the Treasurer's report presented showed operating expenditure favourable compared to budget by \$133.2k and the club was trending to a very positive annual result.

The New Zealand Kennel Club is in a good financial position and the introduction of structured fees based on club type could be introduced.

Moved: Pam Douglas Seconder: Diane Riley

Vote by show of cards. The President put recommendation 4 to the vote.

RECOMMENDATION – TIED to be addressed at next Council meeting.

Green 28

Yellow 28

Discussion:

Discussion focused on the practicality of administrating the discount and other options for Breed clubs (such as a smaller schedule) to achieve the same outcome as proposed in the recommendation.

Recommendation 5 by Geraldine County Kennel Association

The President invited Nigel Trainor to present the recommendation.

Recommendation 5 by Geraldine County Kennel Association

Motion:

Amend Registration Regulation 12 Breeder and Owner Endorsement.

Amend Registration Regulation 12.2.1

~~"Not to be shown." "Not to be bred from." "Not to be shown or bred from." "Not to be bred from under the age of years." a breeder may apply for this endorsement; the application must have a veterinarian certificate of the reason for such endorsement.~~

Rationale:

Show regulation current conflicts with the objectives of NZKC which are:

The New Zealand Kennel Club exists mainly for the purpose of promoting:

- (a) The improvement of the standard of dogs.
- (b) Dog shows and fixtures as defined in Rule 3 hereof.
- (c) The breeding, training, exhibiting, trialling, coursing and racing of dogs.
- (d) The organisation of dog owners and other persons interested in the well-being of dogs for the purpose of advancing and protecting the interests of such persons generally; and for the purpose of ensuring the well-being of dogs in New Zealand.

And its objects include:

- (e) The classification of breeds.
- (f) The registration of dogs in the New Zealand Kennel Club Register.
- (g) The registration of pedigrees, transfers, kennel names, etc.
- (h) The awarding of challenge, champion and other certificates.
- (i) The affiliation, association and/or recognition of associations, clubs and societies.
- (j) The promotion of an annual National Dog Show, National Dog Training Assembly and other shows as required and authorised by Executive Council, the publication of the official organ of the New Zealand Kennel Club.
- (k) The appointment to New Zealand Kennel Club Official Judges Panel, and for such purpose to make and enforce appropriate rules and regulations.

The endorsement "Not to be shown" works 100% against the club's objectives. Dog showing hobby is on the decline and there are too many dogs being indorsed for no justifiable reason, other than the breeder thinks the dogs below standard (subjective view). While this might be true, a new person doesn't always start with the best dog, but showing any dog brings them into the hobby – as er our objectives we should encourage this.

“Not to be bred from” – the only reason a dog should not be bred from is for some health reason.

Any reduction in endorsements does not prevent breeders entering their own contracts with new owners, this is a matter between the breeder and the potential owner. Dogs NZ should remove themselves as much as possible from such situations for a number of reasons including remaining neutral on any disputes between breeders and owners.

Moved: Nigel Trainor Seconder: Steven Meredith

Amendment:

An amendment to the recommendation to delete “**veterinarian** certificate”

Moved: Ros Mihaka Seconder: Sonya Sloan

Vote by show of cards. The President put the above recommendation to the vote.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION – PASSED

Green 63

Yellow 4

Vote by show of cards. The President put the recommendation 5 including the amendment to the vote.

Moved: Nigel Trainor Seconder: Steven Meredith

Green 4

Yellow 64

RECOMMENDATION – LOST

Discussion:

There was discussion on the number of puppies that are registered with endorsements, the importance of breeders having control over which of their line can go into the show ring. The most important endorsement that must remain is “not to be bred from”.

Recommendation 6 by Geraldine County Kennel Association

The President invited Nigel Trainor to present the recommendation.

Recommendation 6 by Geraldine County Kennel Association

Motion:

Amend Registration Regulation 12 Breeder and Owner Endorsement.

Existing 12.2.5

“LRL Breach – Does not meet the LRL requirements of New Zealand Kennel Club.” “BCOC Breach – does not meet the BCOC requirements of Dogs NZ” “Colour Breach – does not meet the requirements of Dogs NZ Breed Standards” These endorsements can NEVER be lifted.

12.2.5 Reword as follows:

“LRL Breach – Does not meet the LRL requirements of Dogs NZ” – this endorsement can be lifted by the Executive Council on application from the Owner for individual dogs. Evidence that the dog has been DNA tested and the result is clear or carrier for the relevant tests relating to the breed and appropriate x-rays for hip and elbow must accompany the application.

Create new 12.2.6

Colour Breach – does not meet the requirements of Dogs NZ Breed Standards” These endorsements can NEVER be lifted.

Renumber existing 12.2.6 to 12.2.7

Rationale:

The current Registration regulation 12.2.5 covers three different issues which are unrelated.

LRL Breach – with the reducing gene pool in New Zealand and for that matter in some breeds worldwide, there needs to be an option for allowing puppies that have been born in breach of an LRL scheme to be registered if such puppy is DNA tested and is clear or at worst a carrier of a specific heredity gene that can be tested for as per the LRL. Having blanket regulation for all pups born in breach of an LRL scheme is potentially reducing the gene pool of various breeds.

Breeders Code of Conduct – this is removed from this regulation as the BCOC covers what register and penalties pups can be registered under. Colour requires a separate sub paragraph within the Registration Regulations.

Vote by show of cards. The President put the above recommendation 6 to the vote.

The President put recommendation 6 back to the Executive Council for clarification.

RECOMMENDATION – WITHDRAWN

10. Announcement of Votes Recorded (NI Executive Council)

North Island delegates:

Steve Tate was elected for a two-year term until June 2026.

Sarah Elliot was elected for a two-year term until June 2026.

11. Announcement of Votes Recorded (SI Executive Council)

South Island delegates:

Lynley Drummond was elected for a two-year term until June 2026.

Susan van der Pol was elected for a two-year term until June 2026.

The President thanked Catherine McManus and Jill Brooker for their dedication and hard work during their time as Executive Council members.

12. Election of Vice Presidents (NI and SI) and Senior Vice President

Call for nominations for the position of Vice President North Island:

The President Steve Tate declared as Vice President North Island.

Call for nominations for the position of Vice President South Island:

The President declared Karen McIntyre Vice President South Island.

Election of Senior Vice President – ballot vote:

The President declared Karen McIntyre as Senior Vice President and presented Karen with the Senior Vice President badge.

13. Presentation of badges

The President presented Wendy Champion and Tanya Emms their Dog Training Committee badges.

14. Auditor and Solicitor approval

Motion: Deloitte be reappointed as Auditor for ensuring year.

Moved: Chris Richardson Seconder: Karen McIntyre

**Vote - Unanimous
CARRIED**

Motion: Gibson Sheat be reappointed as our Solicitors.

Moved: Martyn Slade Seconder: Lesley Chalmers

**Vote - Unanimous
CARRIED**

Agree to Subscription Fees and Show Levies

Consumer Price Index change for the year to 31 March 2024 (as forecast by the Reserve Bank) is 4.7% rounded to the nearest 50 cents.

Membership Fees (Incl GST)

Affiliated Societies	\$268
Associated Clubs	\$179
Recognized Clubs	\$61.50
Individual Membership (Includes 2 nd member in household)	\$39.50
Joining Fee	\$27.50
NZ Young kennel Club Joining Fee	\$32.50

Renewal Fees (Incl GST)

Membership – NZYKC	\$25
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Rule 8A.3 (Incl GST)

Gazette Fee	\$61.50
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Rule 35 Levies

(a) Show Levies

Show levies shall be payable to the New Zealand Kennel Club by all societies at the rates payable on 1 July 2024 as follows:

- (i) All Championship Shows, Championship Obedience Tests, Championship Rally-O Events, Working Trials and Companion Dog Trials – \$1.23 plus GST per entry for the first 250 entries, \$2.35 plus GST per entry for all entries over 250.
- (ii) Championship Agility Events (including Jumpers, Hoopers and Games Events) - \$0.89c plus GST per entry.
- (iii) Open Shows, Obedience Open Trials and Open Agility Events (including Jumpers and Games Events) - \$0.68c plus GST per entry.
- (iv) Scent Work - \$1.04 plus GST per entry.

(v) Lure Coursing and Coursing Ability Tests Events - \$1.10 plus GST per dog entered.

Motion: 2024/2025 fees and show levies be approved.

CARRIED

Nomination for Patron

Motion: Governor General as the patron for the coming year.

Moved: Brian Harris

**Vote - Unanimous
CARRIED**

15. Authority to borrow

Motion: Authority to borrow.

Moved: Lesley Chalmers Seconder: Martyn Slade

**Vote - Unanimous
CARRIED**

The President called for a motion to destroy the voting papers.

CARRIED

16. Presentations

- Governance Road Show Presentation was presented by Martin Hewitt.
- New Hoopers Sports was presented by Karen Grant.

17. General Business

The meeting closed at 4.15pm on Saturday 29 June 2024.