

Report of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee
June 19th 2011 9.30am
Soi Restaurant Wellington

Present: Cam List, Kirstin Graves, Keri Neilson, Kate Butler, Sue Willis, Karen De Wit, Lisa Duff, Lyn Sayers & Pat Dance

Apologies: Paul Taylor

Lyn Sayers and Pat Dance welcomed the new committee and outlined procedures and protocols for the election of officers.

Elections of Officers: The following positions were filled:

Chairperson: Cam List

Deputy Chairperson: Paul Taylor

Secretary: Lisa Duff

Treasurer: Paul Taylor

The Treasurer will be the Administration Manager of the Agility Accounts. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair will be signatories.

1. Allocation of Sub Committees

The following sub committees were established:

- **Website** – Cam & Kate
- **Surveys** – Cam & Keri
- **Permanent number register** – Cam
- **South Island Calendar** – Kate
- **North Island Calendar** – Kirstin
- **Master Calendar** – Kate
- **Dog World** – Keri & Lisa
- **Zone 4 NDTA 2011** – Lisa
- **NZDAC 2012** – Kirstin
- **Heights Database** – Karen
- **Measurers** – Karen
- **Regulations** – Kate & Karen
- **Agility Records** – Kate
- **Health and Safety** – Sue
- **Displays & Publicity** – Lisa
- **Judges** – Karen
- **Equipment/Certificate of Fitness** – Paul T & Sue
- **Gear Standards and Specifications** – Paul T
- **Team Trials Organisation** – Sue & Karen
- **YKC** – Lisa
- **Heights Review** – Keri (Chair) Sue, Paul T, Karen & Kate

Matters Arising

1. Some matters from the previous minutes will be carried forward and discussed under general business.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true and correct record of proceedings

3. Financial report

1. Financial report presented and tabled until the next meeting.

It was moved that the payments be approved and that the Agility judges fee to the NZKC will be paid by the AC for this year.

Levies will remain the same (65 cents) and the form on the website will be updated.

4. Correspondence

1. It was moved that the Inwards be received and the Outwards be approved.

5. Review of Heights/Splits

1.Measuring Protocols –An article was presented regarding teaching dogs to stand for measurement, it was suggested that this article be reproduced for the agility community. A discussion was had around the protocols for measuring and the possibility of training workshops was discussed. The current measuring protocols and procedures will be amended to clearly define the protocol and procedures.

6. Regulations

1. Review of Heights and Splits – It was suggested that the committee make some decisions about what will be explored within the heights review. A terms of reference document will be developed outlining the background, objectives, methods to be used, and proposed timelines. Possible areas to review include: reviewing jump heights, structure of splits – cut off numbers, review pros and cons, review standard rates of travel for winning challenges, graduations, impact on clubs, the running of competitions, explore the standards we are setting, and possibilities for the future of the sport.

2. Strategic Plan – The committee intend to develop a strategic plan which will be forwarded to the agility community. Once the terms of reference have been agreed upon the plan will be further explored.

7. Judges

1. Judges Seminars/Training – An email was received regarding judge's seminars. Karen De Wit has taken over this role and will be exploring a number of initiatives including: judge's seminars, mentoring, ongoing development of judges and education.

2. Trainee Judges Applications – Applications from Chris Richardson, Meredith Evans, and Tim

Conolly have been received to join the ribbon trial panel. All three meet the criteria and will be accepted to join the trainee agility trainee panel.

8. Communications

1. Communicating with the Agility Community – A discussion was had around the report provided in the Dog World and on our website from each meeting and the possibility of the Chairperson writing an informal - Cam's List to summarise the key discussions from the agility committee meeting.

9. Publicity

1. Promoting our Sport – A supporting document will be developed and forwarded to clubs with the current information pamphlets regarding promoting displays and the process for applying for agility display grants.

2. Display Boards – The committee intend to look into the creation of display boards/posters to promote our sport at clubs, pet expos, NZKC etc.

10. Clubs

1. How to run a show booklet – ongoing

11. Calendar

1. 2011 Calendar – Kirstin Graves and Kate Butler will take over the calendars.

12. Disputes

Nothing to report.

13. Health and Safety

1. Sue Willis is now in charge of this area. She will request documentation/guidelines from the NZKC around health and safety for competitors and dogs. Suggestions will then be made to the committee regarding possible improvements and developments in the area of health and safety.

14. Equipment

1. Measuring Sticks – Official list of measurers who have sticks will be updated.

15. National Events

1. 2011 NDTA – The committee will be advised to develop a contingency plan in the event of a major Earthquake, prior to or during the event. The agility committee are fully supportive of the organising committee and will support them in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

2. 2012 NZDAC – An update was provided to the committee.

3. Team Trials – Sue Willis and Karen Dewit will oversee this and contact the Zone Co-ordinators with further details.

4. Nationals – A discussion was had regarding the future of the National Dog Show, in relation to agility. A number of ideas, thoughts and possible solutions were discussed. The agility committee will discuss this further and develop a survey to submit to the agility community to gain their feedback, ideas and suggestions. We will then liaise with the NZKC and feedback our thoughts and ideas. The next National Dog Show is scheduled for October 2012.

5. NDTA Dog World Advertising – We have been advised with the split of obedience and agility at the NDTA, or from next year the NZDAC, the eight page allocation for advertising has been shared between us. We will now have four pages allocated for advertising. It was discussed that the Agility Committee and current NDTA or NZDAC website could be utilised to provide the official entry forms.

16. Executive Council

1. Nothing to report at this time

17. Obedience Matters

1. Nothing to report at this time

18. YKC Matters

1. Nothing to report at this time

19. General Business

1. Database Project – A sub-committee has been formed to explore this project further. The first priority is to establish what the intended outcomes are, and what is actually trying to be achieved with this database. The possibility of looking overseas for similar systems needs to be explored further. Feedback needs to be collected from the agility community before progressing to the next step in the process. The heights/splits review process needs to be conducted and completed before this database can be developed further.

2. NZKC Title Certificates –The NZKC registry is to be contacted in regards to regulation 8.1.3 that specifies the ADX Advanced Titles and certificates.

3. AD/ADX Titles – An email was received regarding dropping the AD, ADX, ADXB, ADXS, ADXG aspect of a dogs title once it reaches Agility Champion or Grand Agility Champion. A discussion was had around this and it was suggested that we put out a recommendation of how this might look, in the form of a survey. This will be forwarded to the Agility Community for consultation.

4. Splits at Shows – An email was received from regarding the review of the splits system. This will be included in the heights review that is currently being planned.

5. Contagious Diseases at shows – The New Zealand Veterinary Association was contacted regarding contagious diseases. They suggested that the NZKC statement at the bottom of the entry form should relate to dogs showing clinical signs of Kennel Cough. This needs to be explored further and a protocol put in place to make some recommendations around this topic. This will be drafted and explored further by the committee.

6. Touching Equipment – A discussion was held regarding the recent touching equipment

regulation changes. If the regulation is to be changed the regulation would need to be re-written and then re-sent to the Executive Council for approval. A robust discussion was had around the rationale behind the regulations changes. It was motioned, and seconded that the regulations regarding touching equipment, be reviewed and further clarifications to develop the understanding of the regulation as soon as possible.

7. AD/ADX at Ribbon Trials – An idea was raised around the possibility of allowing AD and ADX entries to be taken on the day for Ribbon Trials. Clubs will be contacted and feedback sought regarding this possibility.

8. Incorporated Societies – We will roll this over to the next meeting, due to further exploration of pros and cons of the Agility Committee becoming an incorporated society.

9. Expenses – A discussion was had around making expense claims and what was reasonable and unreasonable.

Meeting Closed at 2.45pm

**Next meeting: - 1st October 2011
Venue: Soi Restaurant**