

Report of the New Zealand Kennel Club Agility Committee
Soi Restaurant Wellington
March 19th 2011 9.29am

Present: Lyn Sayers, Paul Taylor, Dyson Beasley, Cam List, Ron Frater, Vickie Byford and Lisa Duff, Paul Remon (Delayed due to late arrival of flight)

Apologies:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising from previous minutes, not reported elsewhere:

1. Use of Permanent Numbers – There have been some difficulties with allocating permanent numbers to dogs that are running at maxi without an interim height certificate, at this point in time the regulations don't expect maxi dogs to have a measurement certificate until their permanent measure at two years of age. It was proposed that all dogs will require an interim measurement certificate at 18mths of age, and then again at two years of age. Motion was seconded and passed.

3. Financial report

1. Paul T presented his financial report.

It was moved that the payments be approved and the financial report be received.

4. Correspondence

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

5. Regulations

1. Entering Equipment – A discussion was held around a proposal regarding the 'touching of equipment' regulation and the need to clarify this further. The committee felt this regulation needed to be looked at, and elaborated upon to provide further clarification to competitors and judges.

The regulation needed to include and expand on the following aspects: deliberate touching of equipment, accidental touching of equipment, jumping equipment and entering equipment. It was proposed that this regulation be rewritten so as to clarify it further than it is currently.

2. Judging of Weaves - A survey was created to gain the views of agility judges in regard to altering the regulation related to 'scoring the weave poles.' This was due to a proposal being submitted to the committee. The majority of judges felt that incorrect negotiation of the weaves in Starters should attract a fault. The committee felt that there should be a fault of some kind in starters in relation to the weaves, and now they needed to establish what this fault might entail. A poll will be taken of the agility community to provide further opinion, after which the regulations will be reviewed.

3. Judging of Cross Over – Agility judges were surveyed regarding judging of the crossover. The results echoed the committee's view that judging of this obstacle should be consistent across all

levels. The judging of the cross over will also be included in the poll of the agility community, after which the regulations will be reviewed.

6. Competitions

1. Nothing to report at present

7. Judges

1. Judges Resignation - Brian Robinson has resigned from judging.

2. Judges Leave of Absence –Steve and Susan Tansey have been granted a leave of absence for 2011.

3. Judge's Applications – Caroline Rain has been accepted onto to ribbon trial trainee panel. An application was received from Louise Jamieson to join the trainee ribbon trial panel but the next intake is October. It was suggested she might volunteer to judge LINK for the next few months to gain further experience. It would also be helpful for her to collect reports from mentor judges to support her application.

4. Promotion to the Agility Panel–Lisa Gatfield and Rebecca Sidwell have both been promoted to the Agility Panel.

5. Promotion to the Senior Panel – Martin Trimble has applied for promotion to the senior panel. Unfortunately the requirement of three years judging has not yet been fulfilled. The committee would be pleased to re-consider this time next year once all the requirements have been fulfilled.

6. Judges Seminars– Paul Remon updated the committee on the dates for the scheduled judges' seminars. A discussion was had around conducting judges' seminars, content, and the need for ongoing development. A discussion was had about future proofing the judges' seminars – webinars were explored. This will be investigated further. It was proposed that we will approach Charlotte Rundgren and Fiona Hodgson to put together a scoping document of how this might be developed.

8. Publicity

1. NZKC Agility Pages – Ron has updated the agility pages for the NZKC website. This will be sent to the NZKC so they can upload to their website.

9. Communications

1. Nothing to report at present

10. Clubs

1. "How to Run a Show" booklet – ongoing

11. Calendar

1. 2012 Calendar – has been sent to clubs and the timeline is currently being implemented

12. Disputes

1. Re-measure – Correspondence was received regarding an incomplete measure. It was agreed that since the height was not recorded on the database a re-measure would be required.

13. Health and Safety

1. Accidents– No accidents to report

14. Equipment

1. Safe Placement of Equipment– An email was received regarding the unsafe placement of equipment on some recent courses. This matter was discussed and the committee felt that at this point in time the regulations provided sufficient guidelines to judges, and matters relating to this needed to be addressed at the time with the judge and/or show manager.

15. National Events

1. 2011 NDTA – An updated report was provided.

2. NDTA Admin Expenses – It was proposed that the chairperson, secretary and treasurer of the current and any future NDTA organising committees receive a one off payment of \$100 each to cover misc charges, like: mileage, phone calls, home computer consumables etc.

3. NDTA Judges – Fiona Hodgson is to be approached to produce a protocol document to aid new committees in conducting their NDTA in accordance with tradition and offering the AC appropriate input on such matters as the classes being offered and Judges etc. Fiona will be able to draw on the amended Standing Orders that she updated for us some months ago and reviewed again recently by Ron Frater

3. NDTA Survey – The NDTA survey was presented and summarised. NDTA will continue to be held at Labour Weekend. It will be renamed the ‘New Zealand Dog Agility Championship’ as from 2012. A copy of the survey results will be provided to the current and next NDTA organising committee.

4. 2012 NDTA – Were awaiting a decision on the NDTA date for 2012, it will be Labour Weekend.

5. NDTA Trials Format– It was proposed that there be a team trials weekend in all five zones from this year. Lisa will liaise with Karen de Wit regarding standardising the team trial format. It has been proposed that all zones will have a trials weekend and will be conducted on the same basis as Zone 3. It was motioned that the regulations be changed to regulate standardised team trials to align with the Zone 3 current systems. Motion was proposed, seconded and passed.

6. NDTA Teams Event – A survey has been developed relating to the NDTA teams event. It will be forwarded to the agility community for feedback.

16. NZKC Executive Council

1. Agility Societies - Huntly and District Kennel Association have approached the AC to apply for Registered Agility Society status. The NZKC have requested that we alter our regulation changes to allow Huntly and District Kennel Association to become a Registered Agility Society in order to run Championship Agility Events. Lyn will follow this up further with the NZKC and clarify that

we have no issue with them becoming a Registered Agility Society, but would like clarification that we are not contravening the Rules of the NZKC.

2. Agility Database – A document was submitted relating to the development of an Agility Database. At this stage this is still in development and being worked on in consultation with Lyn and Cam. It was motioned to commit a maximum of \$25,000 of AC funds to match that committed by Executive to develop this Agility Database further. Motion was proposed, seconded and passed.

3. Incorporated Societies – The Executive Council have given the AC permission to write our constitution. This will be sub contracted out to Phil Johnson to prepare the writing of the constitution.

17. Obedience Matters

1. Nothing to report at present

18. Young Kennel Club

1. Nothing to report at present

19. General Business

1. Updating Agility Records – No expressions of interest. Lisa will approach some potential individuals and see if they are interested in collecting the data. Cam will continue to update the agility records as they are sent to him.

2. AC Levies – Earthquake Appeal – It was proposed that the event levies be exempt from all South Island Champ Events until the end of April and will also be extended to CCOC when they choose to run their postponed event. Lisa will email the relevant clubs and inform them. Approval will be sought for the NKZC proportion of the levies.

3. Winning Out Ethics – An email was received informing the AC of some individual concerns regarding people not being honest relating to winning out and progressing up the grades. This is a concern and at this point in time we are reliant on honesty amongst our competitors. There is a database being developed that will aid in the tracking of such progressions.

4. Winning Out Regulation – An email was received regarding the show entry dates being closed off earlier to accommodate the splits. This was discussed and we feel it is difficult to regulate this further and at this point in time the regulation will remain the same.

6. Cheap Champions Proposal – A proposal was submitted regarding ‘Cheap Champions.’ The proposal was discussed and it was felt that this needed to be explored further, possibly at the 12 month review of the height changes? This will be rolled over for the new committee to explore further.

8. Dogs Needing Space – An email was received requesting the AC establish an official, easily recognised sign to show when a dog needs additional space. At this point in time we felt this was difficult to administer and will not be progressing any further with this matter.

Meeting Closed at 4.10pm
Next meeting: TBC dependant on the new committee.

