



## Registration Form

Annual General Meeting and Conference 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Name	
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Lunch @\$25.00 Optional	
NZDJA Bank Account	Bank Name: BNZ Bank Account Number: 02-0404-0205264-25

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Registration for conference closes 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017(numbers required for catering purposes)

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New Zealand Dog Judges Association  
Notice of AGM



5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
At the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

Agenda

- a) Roll call;
- b) Apologies;
- c) Receiving the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
- d) The President's report on the business of the Association;
- e) The Board Treasurer's report on the finances of the Association and the Annual Financial Statements;
- f) Subscriptions for the ensuing year;
- g) Declaration of results of postal ballot for election of officers;
- h) Election of Honorary Officers;
  - a. Legal Advisor
  - b. Auditor
- i) Granting of Life and Honorary Memberships and the appointment of Patrons and Patroness;
- j) Motions to be considered
- k) General business.
  - a. Discussion Papers

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## New Zealand Dog Judges Association



### Presidents Report 2016/2017

It is my pleasure to present this year's report.

The Board has met on a Regular basis during the year to enact the business of the Association, there has been a monthly teleconference meeting and 3 full day face-to-face meetings.

During the year to Board received the resignation of Karen McIntyre - and on behalf of us all I extend our appreciation for her work for the Association over several years. Karen's place as Vice-President was filled by Kaye Finlayson and the subsequent vacancy for the Zone 5 Representative was filled by Mark Lawrence.

The Board has a good balance of judges at different stages through their career which gives us a variety of views around the table from those who have yet to sit their first group through to All Breeds Judges.

The Association ran the practical examinations last year in Auckland and Christchurch. There were a reasonable number of candidates to be examined however the new marking sheet format did mean that each candidate took longer than in previous years. This has been addressed for this year's examinations to ensure the time frames are improved.

We have a number of new members this year which is good to see and we welcome you.

This year's theory examinations proved to have its challenges and the Board was faced with making several difficult decisions. In the end, we were comfortable with the outcome and we wish those who were successful the best of luck with the practical examination. I thank those members who have approached me directly with their views of the situation and who have come up with several great ideas. Far better to have this dialogue in an open and constructive manner rather than by whisper and innuendo in the background.

We have made several changes to the Judges Regulations this year especially around the Specialist Examinations, there are also several Recommendations on this subject to be discussed later in the meeting.

As I have decided not to stand again this year this will be my final report to the Association. I have enjoyed my years on the Steering Committee, then as Vice President and finally as President. I believe in what the Association stands for and the benefits to New Zealand Judges and the NZKC of having an autonomous association.

I thank all of those who have assisted me along the way and I wish the incoming President all the best and I will be available to assist where I can.

Finally thank you to the Board members for their support and I am pleased that all other Board members will remain for another two years to continue the good work which has already been put underway. A special thank you to Debbie Hull for her role as secretary, there is probably only a few who realise how much work is involved in this voluntary role and we all owe her a vote of thanks.

Martin Hewitt, President

27/5/17

## Notices of Motion and Discussion Papers

### Remit

#### 1. From the Board of the NZDJA

Delete Clause 22.7 from the Constitution

22.7 reads: All postal votes must be received by the returning officer in writing no later than five days prior to the date of the AGM.

Re-number 22.8 – 22.10 accordingly

Rationale:

This clause is not required as it relates to the election of Regional Officers. Regional Officers must be elected at least 2 months prior to the AGM (see Rule 18.4). Therefore, Postal Votes must be in well prior to the AGM.

#### 2. From the Board of NZDJA

Delete Rule 24.1 in its entirety and replace with

24.1 No Member may be appointed to or remain on the Board, Regional Committees and Branch Committees if:

(i) Their membership of the New Zealand Kennel Club has been suspended for a period of more than one year.

(ii) They have been disqualified by the Kennel Club (UK) any member society of the Federation Cynologique Internationale or any other overseas club which the Executive Council of the New Zealand kennel Club shall have arranged a reciprocal agreement pursuant to Rule 22 hereof for a period of more than one year.

(iii) They have been convicted of any serious offence, including but not limited to those involving violence, dishonesty, of a sexual nature, any form of cruelty or neglect involving an animal or breach of the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Rationale:

This brings the Constitution of the NZDJA in line with that of the NZKC to provide more consistency between the organisations.

### Recommendations

#### 3. From the Board of the NZDJA

**Amend the Judges Regulations as follows:**

SECTION IV: CONDITIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ASPIRING JUDGES LIST AND THE OFFICIAL SHOW JUDGES PANEL

4) Appointment to Specialist Breed Panels

- i), ii) & iii) Add the requirement to supply submissions and / or evidence.
  - iv) Amend the time of the Open Panel from "not less than 18 months" to "at least 12 months"
  - vi) Replace 2 years with 1 year
  - vii) Replace 20 questions with 40 questions and add - The practical examination will be under the current system of being examined by 3 examiners, ideally one of which will be a specialist or qualified person in that breed. The applicant will also be required to furnish a written (or dictated) critique on no less than 4 exhibits including Best and Reserve Dog & Bitch plus Best & Reserve of Breed on the day of examination.
- c) Replace "or alternatively" with – "Alternative Appointment to Specialist Breed Panel"  
 Delete – "The minimum requirements for appointment to a Specialist Breed Panel are:"
- i), ii) & iii) Add "the requirement to supply submissions and / or evidence."
  - ii) Replace twenty years with 12 years
  - iv) Replace with - Have been appointed to the All Breeds Panel or the Group Panel the breed nominated is in for a period that at the effective date of promotion will total at least five years.
  - v) Delete
- Re-number vi) to v)

**The complete Sections b and c would now read:-**

- b) The minimum requirements for appointment to a Specialist Breed Panel are:
- i) Justification of the appointment of a Breed Specialist taking into consideration the number of exhibitors and specimens of the breed being shown by supplying submissions and:-
  - ii) Demonstrated involvement with all aspects of the breed over at least twelve years including breeding, exhibiting and club administration by supplying submissions and evidence and:-
  - iii) Demonstrated status and reputation within the breed by supplying evidence and:-
  - iv) Have been listed on the Open Panel for a period of at least 12 months since the date of approval by Executive Council.
  - v) Obtain a total number of 50 specialist credits and:-
  - vi) At the expiry of one year on the Open Show Panel:- Sat and passed the necessary qualifying written and practical examination on the breed aspired to. The written examination shall consist of 40 questions on the standard of the breed, 10 questions on the New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and 10 questions on glossary terms and anatomy of the dog as defined in the syllabus. The practical examination will be under the current system of being examined by 3 examiners, ideally one of which will be a specialist or qualified person in that breed. The applicant will also be required to furnish a written (or dictated) critique on no less than 4 exhibits including Best and Reserve Dog & Bitch plus Best & Reserve of Breed on the day of examination.
  - viii) Be approved by the Executive Council for promotion to the Championship Specialist Breed Panel.

**Alternative Appointment to Specialist Breed Panel**

- (c)
- i) Justification of the appointment of a Breed Specialist taking into consideration the number of exhibitors and specimens of the breed being shown by supplying submissions and:-
  - ii) Demonstrated involvement with all aspects of the breed over at least twelve years including breeding, exhibiting and club administration by supplying submissions and:-



- iii) Demonstrated status and reputation within the breed by supplying evidence and:-
- iv) Have been appointed to the All Breeds Panel or the Group Panel the breed nominated is in for a period that at the effective date of promotion will total at least five years.
- v) Be approved by the Executive Council for promotion to the Championship Specialist Breed Panel.

#### Rationale

The first part of this regulation change is to reinstate the requirement for specialist judges to have served on the open show panel before applying and to clarify the examination requirements.

The second part of this Regulation change is to recognise judges who have proven themselves as a specialist in a breed or breeds. These judges will have already qualified to judge the Group where the breed or breeds come from at Championship level.

At the present time, the only way a judge can be recognised is to re-sit the Specialist examination for that Breed or Breeds.

#### 4. From the Board of the NZDJA

##### Amend the Judges Regulations as follows:

##### SECTION III: GENERAL CONDITIONS

Add –

8. Practicing Certificate – Judges not aspiring to further advancement and All Breed judges may, on completion of bi-annual requirements as set out in section IV, apply for a Practicing Certificate. Upon issue of the certificate, and provided the certificate is current, the judge may include this in their resume. The NZDJA judges list will identify judges with current practicing certificates.

##### SECTION IV: CONDITIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ASPIRING JUDGES LIST AND THE OFFICIAL SHOW JUDGES PANEL.

Add –

##### Certificate

All judges may apply to the Board for a Practicing Certificate which, once approved, will remain valid for a period of two years. The minimum requirement is:-

- a) Have completed 50 Practicing Certificate credit points.

Renumber 9) to 10)

##### SECTION V: RECORDS AND CREDITS

Amend to read:-

3. All judges seeking promotion, a practicing certificate and persons aspiring to be judges shall keep a New Zealand Kennel Club Credit Record Card showing all activities conducted and all credits earned by the judge or aspiring judge.

### APPENDIX III: PROMOTIONAL CREDITS

Add: -

#### 4. CREDITS FOR PRACTICING CERTIFICATE.

Reference No	Activity	.Available Credits	Maximum
1a	Officiating as Show Manager at open or Ch. Shows	5	10
1c	Judging at Ch. Shows	5	20
2	Attendance at a judging workshop	20	20
2a	Participation in a tutorial role in seminars, workshops, lectures or group discussions	30	30
4a	Hosting a kennel visit	20	20
7c	Active participation on the Association Board or on a NZKC Committee focusing on breeds or breeding	20	20
8a	Acting as a guide for ringside observation	10	30
10	Acting as a group leader	10	30
11	Acting as a NZDJA Judges Examiner	30	30

#### Notes:

- (i) Refer to the relevant credit reference No. for each activity in the list of credit definitions.
- (ii) The credit definitions detail what is required for each activity.
- (iii) Whilst it is necessary to obtain 50 points to qualify for a practicing certificate, judges should take every opportunity to continue to further their knowledge in every possible way.
- (iv) The maximum points listed under each category are NOT a restriction on the number of activities which may be completed.

#### Rationale:

At Annual conference 2016 the Board was asked to consider implementing a Practicing Certificate that would encourage participation from members, help keep members up to date with changes and give some assistance to clubs engaging judges as to their current judging status. Judges that have a current Practicing Certificate will be identified on the website and the certificate will remain valid for 2 years from issue. The qualification process is aligned with the existing judges training process for simplicity.

9) Issue of Bi-Annual Practicing

#### 5. From the North Canterbury Branch

Judges Continuing Education Program

The North Canterbury Branch would recommend that a voluntary continuing education program be adopted by the New Zealand Dog Judges Association.

Judges completing the designated requirements annually would have a tick beside their name on the judges panel on the website. This would indicate to clubs looking for judges that these judges are making an ongoing commitment to continued learning.

Our recommendation is that judges be required to complete just two activities per year to qualify.

To qualify Judges must:-

1. Attend at least one branch activity and
2. Complete at least one of the Judges Credit point requirements apart from judging as listed in APPENDIX III: PROMOTIONAL CREDITS of the NZDJA Regulations.

#### **6. From the Board of the NZDJA**

**Amend the Judges Regulations as follows:**

Section III: General Conditions

New Zealand Judges – Overseas Appointments

Add the following sentence at the end of the clause:

“With the exception of the Seventh Group which having been passed and ratified the judge will be eligible to accept appointments for that Group and Best In Show Overseas immediately”

Rationale:

A judge having already passed and judged six Groups and having achieved All Breeds status should be able to accept a Best In Show appointment having achieved that status. However they are held back by the clause requiring them to judge that last Group at least once in New Zealand. This tidies up that anomaly.

#### **7. From the North Shore Judges Branch**

That the National Board reconsiders the current 'flat fee' subscription.

Perhaps a 50% reduction of the full subscription might apply to judges who are not qualified to award Challenge Certificates.. ?

#### **8. From the Manawatu Judges Branch**

That \$20 per member be given to the branches from the \$90 subscription as opposed to the \$10 they are currently given. This to be used for continuing training and upskilling.

Rationale

On the basis that branches are responsible for the majority, if not all, ongoing training and upskilling they need more money to fund this. It is not apparent to members as to how their



\$90 is used as taking exams both theoretical and practical are still being charged for, however we do acknowledge that air fares to the exam venues are paid by the board.

Manawatu is a very active branch supporting our members whenever and wherever we can but last year we actually made a loss.

In the opinion of our branch \$20 is a very realistic sum to be given unless the NZDJA are going to be doing training and upskilling events themselves.

#### **Discussion Papers**

#### **9. From the Board of the NZDJA**

##### **Regional Committees and Representation**

When the initial constitution of the NZDJA was written, consideration was given to how judges would be trained and how a geographical spread of Board members would be achieved. Historically judges had operated in Branches and Regions so the Constitution was written along those lines.

It has been suggested that the Regions serve little purpose and in fact do not operate as they had been envisaged.

It seems the time has come that we should consider whether the existence of regions are still appropriate and whether the election of Regional Representatives to the Board could be handled in a better way.

This will of course require changes to the Constitution so nothing can be changed until the next AGM but there is no voting for Board members for two years that will not cause an issue.

The Board seeks guidance from the meeting as to the best way forward with a view to bringing any changes back to the 2018 AGM.

#### **10. From the Board of the NZDJA**

##### **Practical Examinations**

We are interested to hear the view of the members relating to the current process of Practical Examinations. The current examination process translates into a financial loss for the Association each year which while currently sustainable is not a good long-term outcome.

The members may feel that the current system is perfectly OK but we need to ensure that it is the case before any changes (if any) are made.

There are a number of areas which could be looked at but first we need to examine the complete process, this may include but not limited to:

- The number of examinations each year

- The number of examiners involved and the geographical distribution of those examiners
- The examination venues
- Specialist examinations
- Ribbon Parade examinations
- The fees charged and should it be on a user pays basis