

MINUTES OF THE 9TH ANUAL NEW ZEALAND DOG JUDGES ASSOCIATION (INC)
CONFERENCE HELD AT THE BRENTWOOD HOTEL - WELLINGTON
20TH JUNE 2021 COMMENCED 10:00AM

President Mr Ray Greer welcomed Judges and Observers and opened the Constitutional Meeting.

Moved E Banks/C Tipler

Attendees as per the list

Observer: 1 Observer & 1 Sponsor

Apologies:

B Anderson, T Borrell, K Simmons, J Green, L Greer, L Harris, J McErlane, J Heslop, G Rumpfer, S Sandford, G Saltiel, A Stretton, L Strongman, B Warman C Taylor, A Dryden, K Mihaka, A Rogers, M Powley, B Fears, M & J Boyd, R Williams, D Brown, D O'Neill, H Owens, A Buxton, M Jury & C Graham

Moved S Chaytor/J Atkinson

Obituaries for the current year and a one minutes silence was observed.

P Kersey

M McKenzie

Current Voting strength 54

Total attendees 56

Minutes of the 8th AGM were tabled by Ray Greer who moved that they be taken as read.

Moved R Greer/C Matheson

Business arising from the Minutes.

Recommendation from the Auditor to be carried forward for the 2022 AGM as there needs to be remits completed.

No further matters arising – to be recorded as a true and correct record and R Greer sign the minutes.

Moved E Banks/B Harris

Ray Greer moved his Presidents Report as tabled and read as circulated.

Moved R Greer/M Hamilton

Discussion on the President's Report.

Total of 110 Applications processed this year.

Dogs NZ is taking some of the workload off the organisation.

Survey went out to all financial members of NZDJA regarding the AGM and it has been resolved that this AGM will move between Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch

Move to be adopted R Greer/ K Finlayson



Financial:

Financials were tabled by the Treasurer, L Chalmers.

Moved L Chalmers/C Mathison

The reviewer A Calman and the Chartered Accountant Scott Mancer raised suggestions and adjustments to the Constitution for 2021. The remit will be presented 2022.

L Chalmers – the report of a loss of \$8565.00 mainly to do with the seminars, JBO roll out and additional exams.

The budget for the 2021/2022 year will reflect on training, seminars and the cost of Dogs NZ charges of \$5,000.00 Website this has not been updated for several years.

N Trainor – Look at seminars and AGM on the same weekend perhaps the levies should come back to judges

L Chalmers, this is the fee we are being charged for the work that Dogs NZ do for judges and they give us a lot of support.

P Robinson – perhaps judges should pay \$125.00?

G Gulbranson – The Dogs NZ charges for secretarial work what is that?

B Murdoch – NZDJA and Dogs NZ should work closely together for forecasting and sustainability around our sport.

L Chalmers – we blew out our budget on 2 sets of exams

A Calman, the variance to budget – delegation around not having a criteria on what the board spends. We need to consider what we are comfortable with and be consistent.

L Chalmers – I don't disagree with it but if there is a variance what is acceptable?

C Mathison – We put our trust in our board.

B Murdoch – if a specified amount and quantify this percentage. The charges showing from Dogs NZ is that the support Colleen Begg gives NZDJA

L Chalmers – yes

P Douglas – Dogs NZ own the judges list, Dogs NZ accept applications, Dogs NZ approve.

N Trainor – the Panel is owned by Dogs NZ and Dogs NZ have the right to not approve an application. A Portion of the levy or Clubs to pay for using judges.

B Harris – remind members a 2nd set of exams the user pays.



K Brown – the cost for the individuals would be approximates \$350.00 per group paper & examination. 2nd set of show exams was discussed, but I want to congratulate the step up in the last 12 months, you as an association need to be congratulated.

L Chalmers – the variance to budget I will be hammering the table for sure.

I move to adopt the budget – L Chalmers / N Trainor

Subscriptions – No changes

Announcement of new officers.

President- R Greer 2-year term

Vice President – P Douglas 1-year term

Treasurer – L Chalmers 1-year term

Secretary – R Trainor 2-year term

North Island

K Hardwick Highest Poling 2-year term

B Parker – 1-year term

B Murdoch – 1-year term

South Island

L Diamanti – Highest Poling 2-year term

C Hoeben – 1-year term

R Greer – thank you to those who were elected and welcome to those new board members.

G Gulbranson – we have 261 members what was the voting?

R Greer – 70 voted participation was very poor.

K Finlayson wish to thank the outgoing secretary for all the valuable work she did over the last 6 years.

R Greer – and we thank her from the board.

K McIntyre – pass my vote of thanks to the entire board.

R Greer - the voting of the balance of offices to be held

Patroness – Annette Buxton – Moved B Harris / D Hull

Patron – Brian Harris – Moved P Douglas/ C Mathieon

R Greer our constitution allows us to have both a Patron and a Patroness – so no voting is required.

All in favour. – carried

Legal Adviser – Michael Frawley – Moved R Greer/B Harris

E Banks – could we please send a letter of thanks to Michael?



All in favour. – carried

Financial Reviewer –

L Chalmers – moved A Calman she is a joy to work with

A Calman – thanks you but I cannot be an auditor as it is a conflict of interest.

A Calman nominates Scott Mercer.

Moved L Chalmers/ C Matheson

. Moved B Harris / J Atkinson

Life members – No recommendation from the board.

Remits and recommendations.

No remits for the 2021 AGM

General Business

Presentation from our sponsor Miranda Stevens Nestle Purina

C Mathison – thanked Nestle Purina for the folders given out last year's examination.

Miranda suggested that through the Nestle Purina brand there was a lot of opportunities for NZDJA to tap into their resources.

Online training.

A Calman and C McIntyre to present

The presentation was very informative and offered lots of value to NZDJA for the training of their members and the opportunities were large.

It is suggested that through this process that the board needs to introduce from the board a National Training Co-Ordinator.

R Greer thanked C Hoeben and her team for the huge effort that was put into the presentation.

B Harris – presented R Trainor her All Breed Judges badge.

R Greer – it is a pinnacle to reach the AB status.

Lunch Break

JBO – Judges Breed Observation

This is to commence on the 10th July – Kumeu show weekend

There will be a package for the show secretary, Judges and an envelope prepaid for the return of the completed sheets.

This has been well advertised – E news, emails sent to all breeders and club members.

Dogs NZ have contributed to the system.

On the committee – P Douglas, K McIntyre and L Drummond

There will be a review in 3 years

Practicing Certificates – C Matheson

Many of the points for this are not obtainable. If points are used for examination some are then short for their practicing certificate.

Could the board look at 100 points or more should be given a practicing certificate

N Trainor – I endorse this especially when judges are involved and not able to obtain at the appropriate points



D Tyson – mentoring local judges has no points available, and surely you can't take away a judge's licence.

G Gulbranson – Diane and Caroline are right about the points system - AB judge's do these to help but don't get the points for engaging people.

R Greer Practicing Certificate as viewed overseas - what is the value.

K McIntyre – 100 points stewarding – its about the quality of the points.

Brian Harris – voted out by members – I don't need educating – People who continue to educate for the betterment of dogs should be recognised.

K Price – arrange of points on offer – contribution and a range of points also depending on your capabilities.

Nigel Trainor – outside of this room, it doesn't affect anyone, people who want to participate will continue.

R Greer – agree with you the value is low – and it is not on Dogs NZ website – lets take this back to the board for a discussion.

R Greer

Post Covid Regulations.

The covid regulation was brought in jointly to satisfy local judges sometimes it works well and sometimes not so well and gaining the thoughts from the floor and a few circles not consulted with the opportunity to speak.

NZDJA 2 exams are unsustainable, do we revert back to pre covid regulations?

Sam Diggins – I felt personally this did not support the 1 & 2 groupers the 4,5,6& 7 groupers got the best from this.

N Trainor –Dogs NZ how many judges do they want? With the Examination Dogs NZ should donate, Dogs NZ run the events. Dogs NZ own the judges. Primarily carry on we should be asking Dogs NZ for 2x exams per year and who pays?

B Murdoch – When the borders open up when NZ judges can get appointments for their next group, changes would have to protect judges going through.

P Robinson – Analyse the panel look at the shortfall in some areas, regulations were brought forward are we as an organisation competent, are the clubs going to leave NZ judge high and dry?

G Jeanes – perhaps the clubs need to have a mandate that clubs must has a number of NZ judges. But you also have the exhibitor's expectation.

R Greer – I have to agree, by amalgamating Ribbon Parage and Open show panel I take the comments on board

R Ellis – new judges I have been on the aspiring for 19 years, Judges in Auckland AB Open show, it is daunting, and the prospect of doing a good job.

M Reichmuth – Encourage members at your clubs - as Judges to run mentoring, ring craft and obtain credit points encourage new people to attend and assist the new people.

L Chalmers – Pressure on Judges to step up – some judges are not ready and are sitting exams – people apply for exams when they have only judged 100 dogs: this is not a good process.

C Matheson – Judges observers' responsibility to actually do what they are contracted to do. If the person is not good enough then don't pass them

G Gulbranson I support Caroline its about consistency of the observers

P Douglas – all the observers were sent forms and the protocols of what is expected.

Bronwyn Murdoch – introduction of On-line training – digital distant pear learning.

This is a proposal of a different way of learning.

K Price – Looking at formal qualifications.



B Murdoch thanked the meeting for the opportunity to streamline the educational program and thanks to K McIntyre and A Calman as part of the working group, all have different styles in learning and we need to look at flexibility.

R Greer thanked B Murdoch for her valuable presentation.

End of the formal part of these proceedings.

General Discussion

G Gulbranson, asked that the board minutes be published.

L Diamanti – currently this section is locked as it is a public website.

C Tipler – discussion groups used to be thriving and Kennel club used to send \$10.00 to help the members drive example from New Plymouth to Manawatu branch is 3 1/2 hrs there is now 4 in the discussion group, with Manawatu we do training & modules, is there any financial assistance It was suggested that they apply to the branch for funding.

J Atkinson – The new regulations, I commend you for the changes, with the changes from 70% pass rate of 100 questions to 75% of 100 question for 5 groupers and above and the changes of the 4 groupers and below to 70% of 120 questions, could this be challenged?

R Greer – the incoming board will look at this.

L Diamanti -Those who do not wish for their addresses to be advertised, on the website, it can be hidden. Some judges are only showing a mobile. Judges website can be shown in regions.

S Sloan – can NDJA not put on the website the shows they have judged at?

K Hardwick – regarding the exams, to sit an exam you must have met the criteria in the first place.

Due to the president's flight arrangements he formally handed over to the Vice president to finish off the AGM 2.26pm

P Douglas – Appendix 3 is covered by the judge's regulations.

Vice President Thanked all that attended and those who presented training and to thank the great participation in this AGM and look forward with working with you again in 2021.

There being no further discussion the Vice President closed the Annual Conference at 2.45m.

