

Executive Meeting

Friday 19th July 2019,
"Quality Hotel CKS Sydney Airport,
35 Levey Street, Wollie Creek NSW

MINUTES



Present:

Vince Tantaro - GDCA President
Robyn Knuckey - Judges Committee Chair
Jane Pike - Treasurer
Julie Urie - Obedience Committee Chair

Jenny Yuen - NBC Chair
Val Moody - Secretary
Jacinta Poole - Editor QNR

Meeting opened at: 4.00pm

Welcome: The President thanked everyone for attending the meeting and to those that work, making the effort to forego work and be in attendance. It is greatly appreciated.

1. Auditor for 2019/2020 – J. Pike

The Treasurer advised that as agreed by the Executive she has arranged for William Buck Pty. Ltd to be the Auditor for 2019.

2. Discrepancies between QNR and Declared Membership

Discussion regarding how we can better define what constitutes a membership unit that is recognised for voting strength? e.g. 5 adults living in 1 house cannot constitute 1 membership unit (i.e. 1 QNR), but 5 votes. Clubs cannot have fewer magazines, but increased voting strength.

- It is two separate things that should be closely aligned and defined. i.e. financial membership units vs voting strength.
- Membership units should closely represent magazines ordered, in other words Clubs cannot have it both ways and fewer magazines, but increased voting strength.
- It is two separate things. i.e. membership vs voting strength (2 adults per household).
- We need to brief Clubs.

Motion to be prepared for placement in 2020 AGM agenda.

3. Service Agreements

Jenny and Robyn advised situation with regard to a couple of Breed Surveyors/Judges that to date have not signed the Service Agreement.

It was agreed that both Jenny and Robyn would follow up with these people by writing to them and requesting an explanation.

It was noted that the GSDCA needed to get a legal opinion with regard to the Service Agreements and the wording therein, along with the GSDCA Specialist Judges Disciplinary & Appeals Procedures and the GSDCA Breed Surveyor Disciplinary & Appeals Procedures.

All relevant documents would need to be sent to the solicitor as references along with our request/letter for an opinion.

4. GSDCA Financials – J. Pike

- a) Treasurer provided details and tabled current financial situation.
- b) Treasurer provided updated Inventory List - Medals for the period 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019.
- c) Discussion regarding the future of the finances of the GSDCA and how income can be generated.

GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income:

1. National Show Levy – Currently set at 15% and has not been increased for several years. Treasurer provided breakdown of Nationals over the last three years. It was agreed that a motion be put forward regarding a National Show Levy increase of 20%. It was agreed that we may need to consider increasing the National Entry Fee to at least \$50.00
Motion to be prepared for placement in 2020 AGM agenda.
2. Junior Showmanship Handler Sponsorship - 2013 & 2014 we received funds from Eukanuba to put towards Youth Trophies. Efforts to obtain sponsorship towards the plaques for the Junior Showmanship Awards were discussed. It was agreed that the Junior Showmanship and Obedience Competition Awards will be downsized to A5 instead of A4. Still to maintain the design of the awards.
3. Breed Survey Income
2013 saw the last increase from \$22 (\$20 ex GST) to \$27 (\$24.55 ex GST). It must be noted that 2019 revenue to match 2018 requires 67 animals to be surveyed during July, August & September. During the same period last year only 35 animals were surveyed. Based on this discussion it was felt that a motion should be presented to the GSDCA AGM
Motion to be prepared for placement in 2020 AGM agenda.
ZAP Assessment Fees
As previously considered, a discussion took place regarding the fees for the ZAP Assessment. It was felt that a motion needed to go to the GSDCA AGM for consideration.
Motion to be prepared for placement in 2020 AGM agenda.
4. Tattoo income – N/A

Expenses:

5. Club Meeting Subsidy
This was introduced in 2016. Recommend that this is rescinded.
Motion to rescind meeting subsidy to be placed in 2020 AGM agenda.
6. Sundry Travel – Over 7 years this totals \$11,189
 - a. 2019 relates to flights and accommodation for the ZAP workshop.
 - b. To various meetings regarding the Database, 2012 Future Direction Forum, Regulations etc.
 - c. Patron attending National Show.
 - d. President flights/accommodation to Qld, Canberra, Perth, Tasmania and Adelaide for the funerals of Jurgen & Joylene Neddermeyer.
 - e. The sending of 2nd Breed Surveyors to other States.

It was agreed that the regulation regarding the Presidents visits be rescinded.

Motion to rescind meeting subsidy to be placed in 2020 AGM agenda.

Noting the benefit Dawn Fraser's attendance brings the Club we seek general agreement from Host clubs conducting the National that they contribute 50% of costs. It was further decided that the invitation extended will ask for arrival on Friday and departure on Sunday or Monday dependent on her preference.

OTHER SPECIFIC AREAS

HD/ED Control Scheme

The Treasurer provided details of the HD/ED fees and costs relating to the readers.

Every year sees an increase in the readers fees by CPI.

The HD/ED Scheme is NOT receiving the same support as it once did, as with the number of puppies registered in 2018 there was a significant drop.

It was agreed that the HD/ED Fees as proposed be increased by \$2.00 and a motion placed in the GSDCA AGM agenda.

Discussion took place regarding opening the HD/ED Scheme to non-members with a fee of approximately \$20.00. This is based on costs via the CHEDS scheme and the ability to hopefully bring more GSD owners in to utilize the GSDCA HD/ED Scheme.

Motion to be prepared for placement in 2020 AGM agenda.

QNR

Over the last 7 years the magazine has lost around \$18.7k. The following points are noted:

There is NO ongoing revenue stream. Design costs are currently minimized by voluntary work, therefore cost to Member Clubs must be increased to safe guard the fact this is not sustainable. Otherwise the QNR is unaffordable without greatly impacting on higher membership fees.

Discussion points:

- An E Magazine will save around \$15k per year on postage. There would be design costs that would still need to be covered, but with substantial savings on printing.
- An E Magazine and/or hard copy where the member can request either or. Printing and postage costs remain but at a reduced amount, however, we could not charge those receiving the E mag the same as the hard copy. If required hard copy it will result in a much higher price per unit for said hard copy
- Reduce the publication to 3 per year with say a January, National and October edition but with no cost reduction.

The considerations are:

- Lack of advertising in magazines due to websites and facebook use.
- E Magazine rejected in the past.
- Cost of the National edition is double costs of other editions due to size and content.

Based on these matters, it was agreed a motion be prepared for an increase in the magazine price.

Motion to be prepared for placement in 2020 AGM agenda.

5. Process for Use of Facebook and Website as a Communication tool

Discussion regarding how and when we make use of communicating with Member Clubs membership based on GSDCA correspondence.

Concerns were expressed regarding the placement of GSDCA correspondence on facebook/websites when clubs do not place the entire documents on said media.

It was agreed a procedure will be prepared in which correspondence will be sent out 24 hours later. It will be linked to website.

GSDCA President and GSDCA Secretary will prepare procedures for consideration by the Executive.

6. Meeting WUSV Board of Directors - BSZ 2019

The President advised that he was an 80% chance of attending the Sieger Show, which will enable him to attend the WUSV meeting along with Jenny Yuen (NBC Chair). If the President is unable to attend, then Jenny Yuen (NBC Chair) and Robyn Knuckey (Judges Chair) will represent us at this meeting.

They will be provided with a full briefing package.

7. Conclusion:

The President informed the Executive that he will not be seeking nomination for re-election. He again thanked the Executive for their attendance.

8. Meeting closed at: 6.01pm.