**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

**The Poodle Club of NSW Inc**

**Date: 15/5/2017 Venue: George Bell Building Castle Hill Showground**

**Attendance:** T.Mangan; K.Hirae; B.Monteith; J.Kent; N.Monteith; L.Boyd; M.Boyd

**Apologies:** K. Wright; S.Kearnes

**Meeting Opened By Chairman At: 7.55pm**

**Minutes From Previous Meeting:** No minutes available at time of meeting.

**Business Arising From Previous Minutes:**

NIL

**REPORTS**

**President’s Report:**

Tabled. Moved M.Boyd Seconded L.Boyd to receive: CARRIED

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Tabled. Bunnings profit discussed. Question – were some costs accounted for in previous reports? Moved B.Monteith Seconded N.Monteith to receive: CARRIED

**Secretary’s Report:**

NIL

**Show Secretary’s Report:**

NIL

**Trial Secretary’s Report**

Tabled. Schedule and advert for the October trial have been submitted to Dogs NSW. Mr C Giles has again agreed to judge. Concern expressed that a further payment of $80 to Mr Giles for his travel costs for 2016 is still unpaid. Payment of $50 has been made towards his accommodation costs. Moved K.Hirae Seconded J.Kent to receive: CARRIED

**SHOW BUSINESS:**

Moved M.Boyd Seconded N.Monteith: Wayne Burton to be contacted asap to obtain more information about the Swedish judge being contracted by the Lagotto Club at Easter 2018 who might be available for a Poodle Club sub-contract. CARRIED.

Moved L.Boyd Seconded B.Monteith: Application to be submitted asap to RAS regarding running the Easter specialty at the Royal. CARRIED.

Venues for the 2019 National: Following Tom’s report on Kay Wright’s positive comments about the suitability of Hawkesbury Showground it was agreed that members would visit the 2 Hawkesbury venues on Sunday 21 May after the Fun Day. Tom was asked to confirm the venues will be accessible on the day. Two venues: Hawkesbury Race Club and Hawkesbury Showground.

Moved T.Mangan Seconded L.Boyd: members to be emailed requesting input on judges for 2019 National.

**PROMOTIONS**

Dogs on Show 17th June. Moved T.Mangan Seconded L.Boyd to contact Kerry Cristofi at Dogs NSW to advise the PCNSW wishes to participate. CARRIED Noted that attendees for the PC will include J.Kent, L.Boyd, T.Mangan and Karen York will be asked.

Dog Lovers Show: Date to be determined and commitment to be considered.

Fun Day 21st May: Jenny expressed concerns about the need to promote dogs and Poodles given the decline in breeding numbers she has been advised of. Jenny also tabled her outline of the day. Moved T.Mangan Seconded M.Boyd to approve the outline and apply a $10 charge to participants. CARRIED. Much of the day will be about support for Poodle owners and particularly children in understanding basic training, communication and grooming, and the need to connect people with puppy schools. There was discussion about the need to support breeders to better support puppy buyers. Jenny mentioned the Jackpot method of training. Further info can be found by googling.

Distribute a scanned copy of Jenny’s outline of Fun Day business.

Sunday practicalities: Club members to bring dogs. Bernie to buy about 30 sausages and a few loaves of bread – no margarine, no onions. Check sauce and serviettes. Tom to bring the frozen sausages left over from the Bunnings day. Tom to buy Coke and Ice (!!!). Jenny to bring doggie treats. Future role of ADVANCE to be considered. Tom to email members about the day with a scanned copy of Jenny’s outline. Tom to place a notice on relevant facebook pages. It was suggested that a Facebook file be created of accumulated information arising from these fun/info days. Next fun day meeting Thursday 18 May at Lane Cove.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

At the next meeting Kazoo will present some points about a program to develop better support for members – providing something for their membership contribution. This would look at targeted ideas eg for breeders, exhibitors, triallers, pet owners, groomers, etc.

One idea concerns the commencement of a monthly e-bulletin, targeted to one or more of these groups. Jenny and Bernie agreed to work on a first effort in regard to Groomers and triallers and send drafts to Tom to distribute to the Committee with a view to emailing out in the second week of June.

Moved M.Boyd Seconded L.Boyd that the Poodle Club purchase an advertisement in the Dogs NSW Breeders Directory covering all varieties/sizes of the breed, with the contact detail being the website. CARRIED.

Moved L.Boyd Seconded B.Monteith that a thank you trophy be presented to ADVANCE at the end of 2017.

**Meeting closed by Chairman at: 9.45pm**