

NATIONAL COCKER SPANIEL COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2003 IN MELBOURNE

CHAIRPERSON: In the absence of the President Judith Balfour the delegate for NSW Mrs A O'Keefe _ was elected chairperson for the meeting.

OPENED: 12.05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

DELEGATES:	A.C.T.	Apology
	N.S.W.	A O'Keefe
	Qld	Apology
	S.A.	R Kemp
	Victoria	A Scott
	W.A.	Apology

MEMBERS: As listed in the attendance record

APOLOGIES: ACT; Qld; WA were moved by R Kemp, seconded A Scott and carried.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting were read. The Secretary advised a correction to the minutes regarding the submission of hip and eye reports in that the President or Secretary of any member club can endorse the photocopy. The minutes were then adopted as a true and correct record – moved R Kemp, seconded A Scott and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

HD Register: The register for hip and eye reports are attached. In future additions to both lists will be published annually where applicable.

2004 National Show: A Scott presented the attached report and accommodation list. Attention was drawn to the clause regarding contacting the judge prior to the Show and all clubs were requested to publish this notification in their newsletters.

Tail Docking: WA is now in the process of outlawing the docking of tails.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

- CSS of NSW – judges listing
- CSCV – judges listing
- CSC of SA – judges listing, request to expand minutes, no to delegate/secretary expenses
- CSCV)
- CSS of NSW) 2003 subscriptions
- CSC of SA)
- CSCV – Secretary nomination, tail standard motions
- CSC of WA – 2003 subscriptions
- CSC of Qld – apology, query on judges listing
- ANKC – increase in affiliation fees
- ANKC – conference of National Breed Councils – delegates required
- Commonwealth Bank- raising account fees because of changed criteria
- CSC of SA – delegate nomination
- Commonwealth Bank- still going to raise account fees
- CSCV – delegate nomination
- CSS of NSW – delegate nomination
- CSC of Qld – No to tail standard motion
- CSC of WA – President nomination, apology , no decision on tail standard
- CSC of ACT – No to tail standard motion, R Kemp delegate.

CORRESPONDENCE: (cont)

OUT: All Clubs – minutes, subs a/c, treasurer's report, hip & eye notice
All Clubs – agenda, National Conference Eye Report, request tail standard decision
ACT, Qld – request subs, ACT, Qld, WA – request judges listing
CSC of Qld – answered query on judges listing
Commonwealth Bank – no permission to charge extra fees, criteria the same
Commonwealth Bank – request reply to first letter
Commonwealth Bank – no to fee increase, unless matter settled quickly Ombudsman
CSC of ACT, Qld, WA – request decision on tail standard
CSC of ACT, Qld – request 2003 subscriptions
CSC of ACT – Advise R Kemp SA delegate, further request for judges listing.

A O'Keefe moved the correspondence inwards be received and the correspondence outwards be endorsed, seconded R Kemp and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Conference of National Breed Councils: It was resolved that the Secretary and June Pollard attend the Conference of National Breed Councils in Melbourne on 23 August 2003. R Kemp requested that a report of the conference be forwarded to all clubs. Secretary advised that minutes have been forwarded previously and will ensure that the report will be forwarded as soon as it is received from the ANKC.

Commonwealth Bank: The Secretary advised that the Commonwealth Bank tried to increase the fees on our bank account from nil to \$180.00 per annum stating a change in criteria. After several forthright letters they have agreed not to charge fees on the account for the present time..

Judges Listing: Judges lists have been received from NSW, Victoria and South Australia. There was a query on some of the judges on the NSW list in that they did not have a history with our breed and were not considered "Cocker Specialist" judges i.e. Mr P Olsen, Mr S Pausey, Mrs B Skilton, Mr G Spagnolo, Mr G Vernon. A O'Keefe to make further enquiries and report back.

ELECTIONS: Miss Donna Daniel is the WA nomination to take the office of President for the forthcoming year. A Scott moved this nomination be accepted, seconded R Kemp and carried.

Secretary – Mrs M Brodie (Vic) was elected unopposed. A Scott moved the nomination be accepted, seconded A O'Keefe and carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Secretary presented the attached Auditor's Report. A O'Keefe moved the report be received, seconded R Kemp and carried. No questions were asked of the Secretary and R Kemp Moved the report be adopted, seconded A Scott and carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The Secretary presented the following accounts for payment:

ANKC	Affiliation	\$198.00
M Stephens	Audit	\$ 16.00
M Brodie	Postage	\$26.55
	Phone Allowance	<u>\$20.00</u> \$ 46.55

A Scott moved the payment of these accounts, seconded A O'Keefe and carried.

AUDITOR APPOINTMENT: R Kemp moved that Mr M Stephens be appointed Auditor for the forthcoming year seconded A Scott and carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Notice of Motion

Vic. Motion: With reference to the Interim Standard for tails on Cocker spaniels we wish to move a motion as follows:

1. That the words after appearance "ideally not reaching below the hock" be deleted.
2. The word "well" prior to feathered also be deleted.

After discussion the motion was put to the meeting and lost (2 for, 2 against and 2 abstaining).

NSW Items: NSW recommends that the affiliation fees be raised immediately to cover the unexpected increase in ANKC annual affiliation fees from \$88 to \$196 and the increased Secretarial cost

NSW suggest that before the next meeting the overall financing of the NCSC(A) be looked at with the view of covering essential costs including the Secretary in the pursuit of her duties

A suggestion is that each affiliated club pays a flat fee plus a \$1 per membership (not member). This is a method used by a number of National Breed Councils of about the same size as the NCSC(A). Most seem to pay either \$80 + \$1 or \$100 + \$1.

The issue of Conferlink meetings be revised at the next meeting. NSW will supply all details and costs to the Secretary.

The Secretary expressed concern that member clubs do not know the fundamentals of the National body. If both these issues had been presented in accordance with the rules i.e. at least 90 days before the meeting then all clubs would have had the opportunity to discuss these issues and a decision could have been made at the meeting. Some clubs are also not complying with the time frames requested for decisions etc. Having to chase up information in the week preceding the meeting simply creates additional and unnecessary pressure.

She also explained the Conferlink issue had been raised before and costs and details were forwarded to all member clubs in January 2001. Not one club apart from NSW who raised the matter, commented on the idea. She said that it seemed to be an ideal way to reach a resolution such as the increase in fees without having to wait 12 months until the next Annual General Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: It was resolved that the next meeting be held in conjunction with the Cocker Spaniel Club of Victoria's National Show at the conclusion of judging on Saturday 17 April 2004.

MEETING CLOSED AT 12.40 PM.

2004 NATIONAL SHOW REPORT

The Cocker Spaniel Club of Victoria will be hosting on behalf of National Cocker Spaniel Council (Australia) the 11th Championship Show. We are pleased to announce that PAL have agreed to sponsor the Show which will be held on the 17 & 18th April 2004 at KCC Park, Syke. Our contracted Judge is Miss Pamela Halkett of Wiljana Kennels, Scotland. **We wish to advise that any exhibitor contacting Pamela prior to the Show with anything she considers to be promoting themselves or their stock will have their name and/or papers, photos etc forwarded direct to our Secretary. As a consequence their entry/entries for the National Show will then be declined.**

On the Saturday the dogs and veterans will be judged, with bitches and general specials on the Sunday. The classes will be split, that is, any other colour and solid. The order of judging will be as follows; Any other colour baby puppy dog, solid baby puppy dog, any other colour minor puppy dog, solid minor puppy dog and so on up to the Challenges.

There will be a dinner with the trophy presentations on the Sunday.

An accommodation report has been compiled and is attached to this report.

All further details including catalogue advertising will be published shortly with the schedule.