

NATIONAL COCKER SPANIEL COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2012 IN CANBERRA

CHAIRPERSON: Mrs Margaret Brodie - President

OPENED: 2.30 pm

ATTENDANCE: DELEGATES: ACT - Toni Dennis
NSW - Karleen Bennett
QLD - Alecia Ugrinic
SA - Judith Balfour
VIC - Gillian Robinson
MEMBERS: As listed in the attendance record.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

REPORT ON NCSC(A)

AFFAIRS: The President presented a report on the state of the NCSC(A) business when she took over from the resigning Secretary, Merryn Bellamy. L Mellett moved a vote of thanks to Margaret Brodie, seconded K Bennett and carried.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting were read and adopted as a true and correct record.
Moved J Balfour, seconded T Dennis and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: ANKC 4 letters re overdue affiliation fee & disaffiliation
CSS of NSW/ ACT Secretary nomination
All Clubs Subscriptions
All Clubs Delegate nomination
CSC of SA Motions for discussion
OES National Motion to reduce Affiliation fee
CSC of Qld: Copy of Motions submitted in February
CSCV: Report on 2014 show as Agenda item

OUT: All Clubs: Subscription accounts and Agenda
CSS of NSW/ACT Secretary nomination will have to come at AGM from the floor
ANKC Request copy of Affiliation a/c, financials and minutes after AGM
All Clubs: Amended agenda, SA motions, Queensland motions
All Clubs Copy of OES National request

R Kemp moved the correspondence inwards be received and the correspondence outwards be endorsed, seconded K Bennett and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

SA Motions To be added as a Bylaw:

The National Show to be held each 3 years, with no member club to contract an A List Judge for any event for any reason within that Calendar Year. The rotation between member Clubs to continue as previous but any member club not wishing to avail themselves of their turn must advise the National Body at least 2 years prior to allow the next club sufficient time to prepare.

Rational – Clubs wish to hold their shows with A List Judges and this allows them to do so 2 out of each 3 years, without taking the prestige away from the National.

To be added as a Bylaw:

The date and Judge of a National Show is to be announced at a National Cocker Spaniel Council Meeting not less than 12 months prior to the event.

Rational – This allows exhibitors time to plan holidays, etc in advance.

Request to National Breed Council.

The wording regarding allowable colours in English Cocker Spaniels to revert to as previous.

Item 1 was broken into 3 sections for discussion:

- a) National Shows to be held each 3 years commencing after the 2014 Show
- b) No member club to contract an A List judge for any event with that Calendar year
- c) The rotation between member Clubs to continue as previous but any member club not wishing to avail themselves of their turn must advise the National Body at least 2 year prior to allow the next club sufficient time to prepare.

Item 1a) and b) were agreed to in principle and 1c) is already adequately covered.

Item 2 was resolved to agree.

Item 3 - R. Kemp to find out more details regarding letters sent. It was further discussed that we follow the English Standard.

All items will be presented at the next meeting for confirmation.

ELECTION: Position of Secretary was declared vacant and K Bennett nominated Lyn Kantek to act as Secretary, seconded T Dennis and as no further nomination was received the nomination of L Kantek as Secretary was carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: The President presented the attached Auditor's Report. J Balfour moved the report be received, seconded K Bennett and carried. No questions were asked of the President and T Dennis moved the report be adopted, seconded A Ugrinic and carried.

A Treasurer's Report up to 14 September 2012 was also presented by the President.

AUDITOR APPOINTMENT: It was resolved that L Kantek arrange for the appointment of an Auditor for the forthcoming year.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Notice of Motion

Qld Motion:

1.' A ' List UK Judges being appointed by affiliated breed clubs in a National Year The CSCQLD Inc would like to firstly note, that we support the NCSCA current ruling to have only UK 'A' List judges be acceptable to be appointed for a NCSCA National event. However, with the vast geography of this country, and the limited number of breed Clubs (NSW, Vic, ACT, SA & Qld) hosting Championship shows each year, we would like to open a discussion on the apparent regulation that 'A' list judges cannot be appointed by any breed clubs during the year of a National.

It would be fair to say that current economic climate in Australia does not allow for the vast majority of breed fanciers to always attend a National, unless it is in their home state (and even then in Qld, our membership within our state covers an area of over 2000 kilometres travel for our furthest club member to attend a National in Brisbane). As each State generally gets to host a National approx once every 10 years, it would seem pertinent if the Clubs are financially able and willing to have UK judges for any of their Championship Shows, and if within reason the show is not being held 'on a weekend either side of a National event' surely this gives the breed a wonderful opportunity to have our exhibits judged by judges that our National Council has deemed are of the calibre to judge a National event.

We would like to seek your written clarification of the regulation, and further, what action, if any, may be taken against our Club, as we are hosting a double Championship show in July 2012 with two A list UK judges appointed.

Qld Motion: (cont)

2. National Schedules

National Shows are scheduled to be hosted by alternate Clubs bi-annually. The CSCQLD Inc would like to propose that a schedule of the proposed Clubs and the 'month of the year' in which the National will be held for the next three Nationals (2014, 2016 and 2018) be sought and distributed to Clubs.

It is also proposed for discussion that the host Club provide the details of the event (ie: date) at least 12 months in advance. It is believed that this will enable Clubs and their members to plan not only attendance, but also ensure that any planned or proposed shows do not cause any conflict.

3. Requirement for Indoor/Undercover Venue

The CSCQLD Inc would like to seek dispensation from the NCSCA in relation to the regulation that requires each State to provide indoor/undercover facilities for a National event.

In Qld, our controlling body (DogsQLD) does not allow any sanctioned breed events to be held at a venue other than the outdoor grounds at King Avenue, Durack. Each time the Club has hosted the National in the past we have had considerable added expense to hire outdoor marquees of a size that may be suitable to judge a minimal number of dogs under, in the case of bad weather.

Last year, it became increasingly difficult to source a company that could supply us with a marquee that may be suitable in size, and gain approval from the grounds to be erected for a number of days before and during the event. We were again lucky with the weather and the marquees were not required for judging. However, with our thoughts already on the next National event that we may host and reviewing our efforts from last year, our Club would like to seek dispensation to this regulation. At this point we have no idea if approval may or will be forthcoming for the next event to erect a marquee and we would like to seek your approval.

4. National Entry Fees

The CSCQLD Inc would like to seek open discussion on the cost of National entry fees. Our club was under scrutiny from a fellow club, for the cost of our National entry fees and our advertising for the catalogue. We can only assume that may not be a one off event, and that other clubs may also have their entry fees openly debated and challenged.

We would like to suggest that the NCSCA seek the opinions of each member club the appropriate costs for entry fees for a National and for a National catalogue, and propose a ceiling on entry fees for each National event, subject to CPI.

We believe that if this matter could be dealt with across each club with input there will be no hidden agendas when National schedules are published and the cost of entries will be aligned state by state.

Item 1 – This item will be covered adequately if, as expected, Item 1 a) and b) of the SA motion are passed at the next meeting.

Item 2 – Controlling bodies issue the dates for Championship Shows and it is not possible to gain date approval 4 – 6 years in advance. Clubs are expected to report on their Shows and dates well in advance at meetings.

Item 3 – No dispensation for Undercover Venue is given at the present time. Circumstances may have changed closer to Queensland's next Show.

Item 4 – Fees are the option of the Club conducting the National Show.

2014 Show

Report:

Show to be held at Bulla Exhibition Centre on 24 and 25 May 2014. Judge to be confirmed. Victoria to submit a request for permission from NCSC(A) to conduct a National Show.

NEXT MEETING:

To be held in conjunction with the Cocker Spaniel Society of NSW's Championship Show in March 2013.

