



## General Meeting of the Poodle Club of NSW

Held at the George Bell Pavilion at Castle Hill Showground

On Monday, 20/08/2018

### AGENDA

1. **The meeting was chaired** by Gail Stynes-McIlwraith and it was declared open at 8:20pm.
2. **Members present** – all members present signed the attendance book. No apologies were received.
3. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting on 16 July 2018 & General Meeting on 21 July 2018**

These were circulated by email prior to the meeting for consideration and ratification.

Susie Kearnes moved that all actions recommended by the Committee during the meeting on 16 July 2018 be accepted as actions to be recommended for the 2019 Poodle National Show.

This motion was seconded by Angus McIlwraith and the motion was carried.

It is proposed that Club Officers and Committee Members attend Hawkesbury Showground on 21 October 2018 for planning purposes and Susie Kearnes indicated that she will liaise with Showground personnel to arrange this.

Gail Stynes-McIlwraith reported that other "National Show Matters" that were discussed during the July meetings would be discussed in relation to "show business" later in the meeting.

### 4. Correspondence

Susie Kearnes reported that all club requirements have been dealt with, including puppy enquiries that she has received. However, the following matters require addressing:

- A. An email received from a non-member breeder - Kristine Castagna (Kenmar) (previously Kristine Armstead). She stated that she is showing a Silver Beige Toy Poodle and she asked whether these are acceptable within Standard because a judge has refused to award on the basis that the dog is not "a consistent colour".

Club members consulted the Breed Standard, which indicates that a solid colour is required and that colours are permitted until the puppy clears at 18 months of age. However, it is unlikely that there will be a consistent interpretation of the 'solid colour' requirement within the members of the National Poodle Club. It was suggested that Ms Castagna carries a copy of the Breed Standard with her when she is showing the dog.

- B. No response has been received from Poodle Club of Queensland regarding the club's donation.
- C. Dog Lovers Show – The Club's application to participate in the 2019 show has been submitted.
- D. The Bosdog electronic petition was rejected.

- E. Dogs NSW Show Entry System - there have been teething issues, particularly where members have not had access to a computer/internet. Susie has been attempting to resolve issues with Dogs NSW and to assist members to enter Spring Fair.
- F. Dog Lovers Show – All relevant paperwork has been submitted for the Club's participation in the 2019 event.
- G. July 2018 Championship Show & North of the Harbour Kennel Club Show – All relevant paperwork has been done and submitted.
- H. Linda Brandt has accepted the Club's invitation to act as MC at the Poodle National, for a fee of \$50.
- I. Tony Tao has accepted the Club's invitation to act as Steward for the Poodle National Show. His fee will be \$100 for the weekend.
- J. The club has received a letter received from Karen Wyers, advising that she has received a letter from a puppy buyer about re-homing a puppy. Susie stated that she will await contact from the puppy buyer before she takes any action in response to this letter.
- K. A letter was received from Cheryl Lindsay regarding the recent Dog Lovers Show. Cheryl expressed concern that no Toy Poodles or Standard Poodles were present at the event and she expressed concern regarding the club's efforts to promote the breed.

It was resolved that the Club will write to Cheryl, thanking her for her comments and advising that we have taken them on board and we look forward to her continued support and participation in events throughout the coming year.

- L. A membership application received from Wendy Wei from Cremorne (joint membership) and the membership fee was deposited directly to the club's account on 12 August 2018.

Resolved that the application is deemed to have been accepted and the new member was formally nominated by Bruce Wright and seconded by Gail Stynes-McIlwraith.

- M. The Breeders Directory needs to be completed & subscription paid. Susie will attend to this and will seek reimbursement from the club.
- N. The Club authorized Susie to renew its membership of "The Hills".

Noted that an Agenda item is to be included for the next meeting regarding the possible change of day for General Meetings.

Bruce Wright moved that the correspondence be accepted & this motion was seconded by Michelle Riordan. The motion carried.

## **5. Reports**

- A. President's report

Gail Stynes-McIlwraith tabled a short report, as follows:

*Welcome to the new year.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank any retiring committee members and welcome incoming new committee members.*

*We have a busy year ahead and I look forward to working with you all this year.*

*Gail.*

**B. Club Secretary's report**

Susie Kearnes reported that the Club's Membership has increased overall, but that the club needs to re-assess its members and to decide: (1) What type of members we want; (2) How we get them & (3) What we do with them when we get them?

Susie queried with Kay Wright whether membership renewals have been received from a number of members. However, Kay was unable to respond as she has not yet received the records back from the Auditor. Kay stated that she will review the books & will advise Susie about membership renewals.

It was recommended that the Club should offer Catherine Crouch free membership for 2018, because she has not received any information from the club.

**C. Trial Secretary's report**

Bernice reported that she had spoken to an obedience judge from Victoria, Ross Carlson, about judging the obedience and rally-o competitions at the National. Mr Carlson's Father in Law is also an obedience Judge and he is also happy to attend and assist as required.

Resolved that Bernice will contact Mr Carlson and offer to reimburse him up to \$500 for airfares & accommodation and that she will notify Susie Kearnes of his response on 21 August 2018. If he accepts, the Show Schedules can then be submitted and published.

**6. General business**

Kay reported that a lot of Poodle Club resources are 'missing' and that a lot of the previous paperwork belonging to the club cannot be found.

Susie reported that Marjorie Rayner gave her 1 set of minutes when she took over as Club Secretary, but that there is no archive material and very limited information regarding telephone and email contact details for members.

Kay moved that Susie should send an email to previous committee members on behalf of the Club, requesting the return of any property of the club to the club. The Motion was unanimously carried.

Susie also moved that all Club property should be signed out when removed from storage and signed back when returned.

**7. Show business:**

- A. Susie Karnes reported that the club's application to participate in the 2019 Dog Lovers Show has been lodged.
- B. An Application to the RAS has also been lodged to enable the club to hold its first 2019 Championship Show at the Sydney Royal Dog Show.
- C. Gail Stynes-McIlwraith stated that ideas are required for planning of the fun-day on 14 October 2018. This is to be an agenda item for the next General Meeting.
- D. 2019 National Show

- (i) A letter has been sent to Linda Brandt (MC for the event);
- (ii) A Facebook page for the National is in the process of being set up, but this is not yet completed;
- (iii) Susie & Gail are to continue to follow up on sourcing of local pet-friendly accommodation;
- (iv) Susie will follow up caterers for quotes.
- (v) Grooming resources for the National:

Bernice Monteith reported that Jenny Kent resigned from the Committed because of personal issues, but that she is prepared to assist with grooming facilities for the National. Bernice and Susie will liaise with Jenny about this and will report back at the next meeting.

- (vi) Souvenir polar fleece jackets and vests for the 2019 National Show

Resolved that these will be black and that the back of the jacket will be embroidered with an outline of the state of NSW and will feature a stenciled poodle head within the outline. General merchandise will be embroidered in white, but committee jackets will be embroidered in gold.

- (vii) Susie will chase up Royal Canin to see how far Tom Mangan proceeded in an application for food sponsorship for the 2019 National. Advance will also be approached if Royal Canin is not available.
- (viii) Catalogues - Miranda Duncan wants to know what is happening with these for the 2019 National Show and Susie will follow this up and write to Miranda about this.
- (ix) Material for decoration of the 2019 National
 

Kay Wright reported that the PCV purchased a volume of suitable material and enquired whether the club can approach the PCV with a view to or hiring that material for the National. Susie indicated that she will send an email to Jo Turnley about this and will report back.
- (x) Kay reported that she will contact other State Poodle Clubs to see whether we can get photos of their past winners, with a view to having a Wall of Champions display at the 2019 National.
- (xi) The club will need to source Flags - State & Australian for the event and plants for decoration, as well as Poodle Club cutouts.
- (xii) The Club needs to consider which VIP's should be invited to the 2019 National and this should be discussed at a future meeting.
- (xiii) Resolved that James Powell should be approached to act as the Dogs NSW Representative for the 2019 National.
- (xiv) Kay Wright reported that she has received a telephone call from the photographer who did the 2018 Melbourne National, advising that he is interested in covering the event (photos & video) and that she is awaiting a quote.

- (xv) Banking - Kay is to advise the club when she is looking at registering the club for Internet banking.

- (xvi) Susie will look into establishing a PayPal facility for merchandise for the 2019 National.

8. Meeting was declared closed at 10:25pm.