

Minutes of the 132nd Annual Conference of Delegates The New Zealand Kennel Club (Inc)



Saturday 23rd June 2018, 10.00 am
Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

1. Welcome and Roll Call

The President, Nigel Trainor, welcomed delegates to 132nd Annual Conference and thanked everyone for attending. The President called the roll to confirm attendance.

Present:

Club	Delegate
Ashburton Kennel Assn	Jill Watson
Auckland Kennel Council	Jill Brooker, Jennifer Atkinson, and Stephen Meredith
Bay of Islands Canine Association	Gillian Dickson (not present at roll call – arrived late)
Cambridge Kennel Assn	Sue Chaytor and Susan Johnson
Canterbury Kennel Assn	Brian Harris
Canterbury Ladies Kennel Assn	Arvine Gamlin
Central Hawke's Bay Kennel Society	Sandy Evans
East Coast Ladies Kennel Assn	Brian Townsend
Eastern Bay Of Plenty Kennel Assn	Kay O'Carroll
Franklin Kennel Assn	Ashleigh Rogers
Geraldine County Kennel Assn	Robert Alcantara Jr
Gore and District Kennel Assn	Sue Pinnow
Hamilton Kennel Assn	Giselle Fletcher
Hauraki Canine Assn	Merle Powley
Hawke's Bay Kennel Assn	Darren Slade
Hibiscus Coast Kennel Assn	David Brown
Huntly and District Kennel Assn	Rosaleen Roycroft and Shannon Aldous
Kapi-Mana Kennel Society	Caroline Matheson and Martyn Slade
Kumeu Kennel Assn	Ray Greer and Paul Robinson
Ladies Kennel Assn	Dianne Rogers
Manawatu Kennel Assoc	Betty Parker, Geraldine Gulbransen, and Lisa Sutcliffe
Marlborough Kennel Assn	Robbie Gray and Trina Nichols
Nelson District Kennel Assn	Graham Lindup
Nelson Ladies Kennel Assn	Elaine Beattie
New Plymouth Kennel Centre	Carole Tipler
North Canterbury Kennel Assn	Lesley Chalmers
North Otago Kennel Assn	Raelene Guthrie
North Shore Kennel Assn	Gary Withers
Otago Kennel Assn	Louise Thompson-Parker
Pencarrow Kennel Assn	Carolyn Stevens
Rotorua Kennel Assn	Lenore McVicker and Ros Mihaka
Ruahine Kennel Assn	Helene Owen
South Canterbury Kennel Society	Robert Alcantara Jr
South Taranaki Kennel Centre	Steve Tate
Southern Ladies Kennel Assn	Zeta Jordan and Annette Thomas
Southland Kennel Assn	Lucy Murdoch
Taupo Kennel Assn	Carole Ellis and Rob Ellis
Tauranga Kennel Assn	Paul van den Berg
The Plains Kennel Assn	Gary Doyle
Tokoroa Canine Assn	Helen Yeoman
Upper Hutt Kennel Assn	Carolyn Stevens
Waikouaiti Kennel Assn	Elizabeth Monson
Waimakariri Kennel Assn	Helene Street and Martin Hewitt
Wairarapa Kennel Assn	Sandra Macklin and Tui Cherry

Wairoa Kennel Assn	Adrienne Rowsell
Wellington Kennel Centre	Bill Crawford and Jack Boyd
Wellington Ladies Kennel Assn	Sue Wilkinson
West Coast Kennel Assn	Donna Hailes
<u>NZ Dog Judges Association</u>	Kaye Finlayson Michael Hamblyn Mark Lawrence Debbie Hull Linda Strongman
<u>Group, Multi-Breed, Specialist</u>	
Auckland Group/Multi Breed	Kathleen Hardwick
Auckland Specialist Breed	Margaret Wilson
Waikato	Pam Douglas
Taranaki / Wanganui	Steve Tate
Hawke's Bay	Brian Townsend
Wellington Group / Multi Breed	Sonya Sloan
Canterbury Group / Multi Breed / Specialist	Bernard Fears
Otago/Southland	Dianne Tyssen
<u>Agility Delegates</u>	Bevan Dale Carl Ranford Sallie Remon Wayne Grant
<u>Obedience Delegates</u>	Geoff Collins Sue Howe Arend van den Bos Karen Sadler
<u>Agility Committee</u>	Steve Chester Diana Gausden Joanne Rennell Chris Richardson
<u>Obedience Committee</u>	Sue Bingham Karen Browning Richard van den Bos
Auckland Exhibition Centre	Christine Wood Gay Meredith
Forrester Park	David Richards Dianne Sprott
<u>Executive Council</u>	
Executive Council – President	Nigel Trainor
	Geoff Collins
	Keith Brown
	Bevan Dale
	Clinton Hoeben
	Karen McIntyre
	Maree McKenzie
	Stephen Meredith
	Lisa Slade
	Steve Tate

Staff etc. in Attendance:

Peter Dunne	Director Secretary
Graeme Sugden	Treasurer
Colleen Begg	Club and Membership Manager
Ann Coulson	Audit & Risk (Chairperson)
Mandy Poore	Events and Administration Co-ordinator
Lorrayne Brookes	Events Co-ordinator
Becky Murphy	Canine Health and Welfare Officer
Rosemary Cleator	Canine Good Citizen (Chairperson)
Angela Sheehan	Minutes (Contractor)

The President said that the current voting strength was 70. [This number was adjusted as people arrived.]

Apologies:

Forrester Park Management Committee Chair	Anne McLachlan
Maree Dickey	Life Member
David Fifield	Life Member
Norm Claude	Life Member
John Muir	Life Member
Maureen Boyd	Life Member
Margaret Murray	Life Member
John Perfect	Life Member
Shona Prebble	Life Member
Eddie Croad	Life Member
Beth Warman	Executive Council
Buller Kennel Assn	
Poverty Bay Kennel Assn	
Wanganui Kennel Society	
Waimate Kennel Society	
Horowhenua Kennel Assn	Karen Leslie
Hibiscus Coast Kennel Assn	David Hardwick
Hutt Valley Kennel Centre	Gary Carleton
North Otago Kennel Assn	Cathy Wallace
Carole Tipler	

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Davida Brown / Peter Sharp - CARRIED

2. Obituaries

The Director Secretary read the roll of members who had passed away during the year. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for:

Dennis Rowlands, Tuakau	Tui Muir, Hamilton
Rolly Donovan, New Plymouth	Hilary Nilsen, Kerikeri
Mrs M A Nind, Timaru	Bill (Taffy) Morris, Christchurch
Harry Wientjens, Masterton	Penny Jones, Taupo
Ron Sheppard, Christchurch	Margaret Anderson, Waiuku
Jane Lindup, Motueka	Kellyanne Pattinson, Waimate
Iris Taylor, Christchurch	Jan McPherson, Christchurch
Daphne Feaver, Christchurch	Mary Murnane, Clive
Mervyn Chapman, Christchurch	Caroline Davison, Auckland
J (Dale) Powell, Waipukurau	Jim Barrett, Nelson
Kelly Jackson, Gore	Phillip Campbell, Auckland
Glenis Dyson, Dunedin	Irene Thomson, Tokomaru
Paul Atkinson, Hamilton	Osborne (Ozzie) Poultney, Blenheim
John Whyte, Darfield	Tracey Anderson, Carterton
Louise Philip, Rangiora	Uma Bell, Pukekohe
Chris Mune, Levin	Manu Harris, Christchurch
Ilya Richards, Foxton	Kim Crysell, Otaki
Sue Stewart, Hamilton	Maisie Grose, Ashburton
Dot Socha, Lower Hutt	Richard Merralls, Masterton
Diane Denson, Christchurch	Carol Fleet, Marton
Pauline Walsh, Ahipara	Jane Boulton, Whakatane
Mrs M E J Miller, Rolleston	Roy Lindsay, Whangarei
Colleen Griffiths, Westport	Ann Howard, Ngaruawahia

3. Affiliations and Disaffiliations

During the year there had been no new affiliations. Yesterday (22 June, 2018) Executive Council had accepted the disaffiliation of the Northland Canine Association.

4. Life Membership

No new life memberships were presented.

5. Minutes of the Previous Annual Conference of Delegates

Motion: That the minutes be taken as read.

Ray Greer / Kathleen Hardwick - CARRIED

Motion: That the minutes of the 131st Annual Meeting held on Saturday 24 June 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment:

- In the list of attendees, remove Shaun Ireland as attending for Huntly and Districts Kennel Association.

Pam Douglas / Shannon Aldous - CARRIED

6. Matters Arising

Budget 2017/18

Reference was made to item 9 regarding the budget and the comment "The budget was business as usual, but they will have to take a fresh look at other ways of generating revenue", and the Executive Council was asked to update the meeting on this. The President said that the Executive Council had discussed a number of ways to try to generate additional revenue, but no progress had been made in that regard. It could be a matter for discussion at this afternoon's Blue Skies session.

Discussion Paper No. 2 – Breeding Crossbreeds (Cambridge Kennel Association)

The President said that the Accredited Breeders Scheme will be reviewed by the Canine Health and Welfare Committee to ensure it is fit for purpose.

Discussion Paper No. 3 – Third Championship Show (Cambridge Kennel Association)

The President said that a third Championship Show had been introduced.

Website

A plea was made from the floor that the website showcase not just the principal centres in Ardmore, Porirua, and Dunedin, but all centres. That would help greatly when talking to potential funders and in attracting new members. The President said that considerable time had been taken to redevelop the website. He agreed more could be done to promote the *Dog World* through the website, although it would cost time and money. The Director Secretary reminded the meeting that there was an open invitation to send information to National Office.

7. President's Annual Report

The President spoke to his report, noting in particular:

- Membership was falling by about one-quarter since 2012-13.
- While the number of registrations was up, people were either registering more litters or the litters were getting bigger.
- Imports were flat, and the number of certified exports was starting to drop.
- While 8427 puppies had been registered in the 2017/18 year, there were 5305 transfers. That meant the membership was holding on to a healthy number of dogs.
- Masterpet NZ continued to be a generous sponsor. Members needed to support all sponsors either by buying their product or acknowledging them on site and ensuring they are welcome at events.
- The Black Hawk National Dog Show had been a fantastic event. The judges thought it was one of the best they had been to anywhere. However, the show had run at a substantial loss. That was something the Executive Council needed to think about.
- Both the 2018 National Dog Obedience Assembly and the New Zealand Dog Agility Champs had been very successful events.
- The properties continued to be a significant asset but both the Porirua and Dunedin properties needed maintenance.
- SPCA was looking to put "prevention" back into its work, and on that was looking to partner with Dogs NZ.
- The staff had worked wonderfully well during the year and in a constrained environment. They had the dog world at heart.
- On meeting attendance, whilst noting that most Executive Councillors had missed at least one meeting, it must be remembered that their jobs and families came first. Having said that, most meetings had nine Executive Councillors present. It must also be remembered that they give up two days every month, with no remuneration.

In discussion of the President's Report, the Director Secretary confirmed that people who did not have an email address received a membership invoice by mail. However, he will look at that again to ensure it is happening.

Action: Director Secretary

Bill Crawford asked whether property improvements can be capitalised. The President said it depended on the item. For example, a new roof that extended the life of the building can be capitalised, but not general roof maintenance. He reassured the meeting that they capitalised anything that can be capitalised.

Rob Ellis said the membership will be disappointed to hear that over the past year the Executive Council had not achieved additional revenue, and this was at the same time as membership numbers were reducing dramatically. Some drastic measures were needed because the organisation could not continue like this. The President said that neither the Executive Council nor the staff could increase membership; only the members could do that by encouraging people to join and letting people have dogs unencumbered. If they did not change their culture, the organisation would continue to slide. The President added that the time was probably right to get in a consultant to look at modernising the office, but that would cost money. It was also important that events were run smarter and that they broke even.

He said that, on the other side, it was difficult to increase revenue. Members did not want their fees to increase. One option could be to set up a trust so people could leave money to it for animal welfare activities.

Rob Ellis added that the only way to increase revenue was to increase the number of pedigree dogs, and he was keen to see that happen. He felt that the membership would balk at getting in another consultant to look at office modernisation. He challenged the Director Secretary to look at the figures and make recommendations to the Executive Council for efficiencies. The Director Secretary replied that it was not for him to comment on this without the approval of the Executive Council.

The President said this was not a discussion for now other than to say there were several areas where they needed to be smarter: the future of the properties, office efficiency, changing the attitude of members towards giving out dogs unencumbered, obedience and agility, and maximising the website.

Kathleen Hardwick asked how they can police a litter being registered but the puppies not being transferred. There was revenue going begging here. The Director Secretary said that a breeder had to notify a litter and the number of puppies in the litter, so the office can tell how many have not subsequently been registered. The difficulty was inquiring of breeders why they had not done that. Also, the number going unregistered had dropped since the cost of registering on the Restricted Register had dropped.

Lesley Chalmers said that year after year the people attending the ACOD heard the same things, but nothing was ever followed up. The President said that the Strategic Plan had focused on canine health and welfare as probably the no. 1 risk at that time. There were also plans to maintain the properties. However, he agreed with Lesley's comments in relation to what happened at the grass-roots. A number of clubs probably had only half a dozen active members so they struggled to form committees and run activities. At some point there will need to be a discussion on whether the current structure is right or whether there were too many clubs, and also whether some clubs existed just to do championship shows.

Brian Harris said there were many ways of raising money – for example, a Visa card for club members whereby a fee came back to the organisation. The Executive Council and Management need to start thinking about new and different ideas of raising money.

Jack Boyd said this organisation was essentially a dog registry so why did it need membership at all? When membership was brought in it was essentially as a way of knowing how many people were being represented, but it had now become a “cash cow”. The President said that currently the organisation was both a club of clubs and also individual members. There needed to be a conversation to sort out what the organisation really wanted to be.

Motion: That the Annual Report be adopted.

Gary Doyle / Ray Greer - CARRIED

8. Financial Report (year ended 31 March 2018)

The Financial Report was taken as read.

The Treasurer, Graeme Sugden, spoke to his report, noting in particular:

- The year had ended with a deficit, after depreciation, of \$164,920.
- The loss made by the National Dog Show was probably the largest factor in that deficit. Other factors were the increased difficulty in getting grants, a static membership, and legal fees.
- There had been an increasing pressure to spend money on properties.

- The balance sheet remained strong despite the deficit.
- \$56,000 capital expenditure had been incurred on upgrading the registry system.
- The upgrade of the website was ongoing.
- A clean audit report had been received, and no issues of concern had been raised in the Management Report from the auditors.

The Treasurer and the President spoke to the detail of the Financial Report.

A question was asked from the floor whether the accounts for the New Zealand Kennel Club and Dogs New Zealand could be separated. The President suggested that the Audit and Risk Committee look at how they can be presented differently.

Action: Audit and Risk Committee

Bill Crawford said that the result was appalling. In one year the equivalent of more than 10% of current assets, which the organisation had been nurturing since 1886, had been wiped out. What was worse, budgeting ability was negligible. He referred to the minutes of the Executive Council meeting of 24 and 25 February in which the Audit and Risk Committee sent a clear message that future budgets must be tested against reality and that performance to budget should be expected from all groups. It also stated that future National Dog Shows should be based on guaranteed income before costs were contracted and incurred. He hoped that report will be implemented vigorously, comprehensively, and fearlessly. The President disagreed that 10% of the value of current assets had been lost; some of the maintenance had been to preserve the assets. If that had not been done, even more value would have been wiped. Ann Coulson had been appointed as the Independent Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee to put another set of eyes over the finances and to challenge the Executive Council.

Ros Mihaka asked whether consideration had been given to printing the *Dog World* only on-line so as to save in printing costs and also postage. Did the Executive Council minutes need to be included in the magazine? The President said it needed careful consideration because they needed to maintain the support of advertisers. He added that the printing contract was up for review on 1 July 2019. The current printer provided an excellent service.

Rob Ellis suggested that consideration be given to reinvigorating the Gazette by amalgamating it with another publication. It could also be an opportunity to cut costs and increase revenue by increasing market reach. He suggested talking to John Bryson. The President said the Executive Council will take that suggestion on board.

Action: Executive Council

Motion: That the Financial Report be adopted

Nigel Trainor / Stephen Meredith - CARRIED

2018/19 Budget

The Treasurer said that the 2018/19 budget was a conservative one, and it was hoped to make a small surplus. He and the President assured the meeting that the Executive Council will make increasing revenue and reducing expenditure a top priority.

Motion: That the 2018/2019 budget be adopted.

Bill Crawford / Carolyn Stevens - CARRIED

Peter Sharp floated the idea of centralising the National Dog Show so that there was a regular cost centre. The President said they needed to look at the issues around the show and make sure they had it right.

Sonya Sloan asked about anticipated legal fees. The Treasurer said there were litigants and the organisation had lawyers involved but he hoped the ongoing costs would not be significant and in excess of the budgeted figure.

Paul van den Berg questioned the turnaround in committee expenses. The President said the Executive Council was trying to meet in one day instead of two, so that should make a difference. The Treasurer suggested that the questioner talk to him out of meeting about this, when he will have further detail available.

Pam Douglas asked whether the budget took into account the docking issue and the increase in puppies being registered this year and the possible decrease in the number being registered in the next year. The Treasurer said the budget probably did not take full account of that, but he was confident that the year-end figure will be met this year.

10. Property Reports

All reports were taken as read.

Auckland

Christine Wood gave spoke to her report, highlighting the maintenance that had been done on the property. She thanked her committee for their hard work and always fighting to get the best deal possible.

Wellington

Peter Dunne gave an overview of his report, noting that the Porirua property had achieved an operating surplus for the year of \$56,689, \$13,000 up on budget and, after depreciation, a net surplus of \$23,988.

Dunedin

David Richards gave an overview of Anne McLachlan's report. He said that Forrester Park will soon be celebrating 30 years. However, it was struggling to meet its budget and, with the work that needed doing, that could be a problem for the next few years. The building was facing several challenges, including getting the council to clean out the creek behind the building to prevent it from flooding in future.

Motion: That the Auckland, Wellington, and Dunedin Property Reports be accepted.

Rob Ellis / Karen Sadler - CARRIED

11. Remits

(The voting strength was 71 voting delegates, so 47 were required to pass a remit.)

Motion: That the Roll Call be used for all votes.

Pam Douglas /Ray Greer – CARRIED

Remit 1 – Executive Council

Section I - General

Motion: That Rule 3 be amended as follows:

3. Definitions

(b) **'Breeder'** subject to Rule 3 ~~(e)~~ (m), the breeder of any dog is the "owner of the dam at the time of whelping".

(o) **'NZKC'** means "New Zealand Kennel Club".

(m) **'Lessee'** The lessee is the person to whom the dog is lent either under a loan of dog for stud purposes or a loan of bitch for breed purposes under a loan agreement duly registered with the New Zealand Kennel Club.

(u) **'Recognised Show'** is (1) Any 'show' and 'fixture' as defined in Rule 3 ~~(e)~~ (v) hereof held in New Zealand under New Zealand Kennel Club Rules or otherwise under the sanction of the Executive Council or delegated authority.

A motion to amend the definition by deleting the words "is the 'owner of the dam . . .'" and replacing them with the words "are the 'owners of the dam . . .'" was not seconded or pursued.

**Rob Ellis / Karen Sadler - CARRIED
71 in favour / 0 against**

Remit 2 – Executive Council

Section III – Affiliated, Associated and Recognised Societies

Motion: To remove Rule 7(g):

7. Affiliation of Societies

~~7(g) The headquarters of every affiliated society shall be situated within the zone of influence of such society established by Executive Council.~~

and renumber accordingly.

Amend Rule 8(c), 9(f), and 10(f):

8. Association of Societies

(c) Subject to the provisions of sub-clause (b) hereof, the provisions of Rule 7(b), (c), and (f) ~~and (g)~~ shall apply with the necessary changes to associated societies.

9. Associated Specialist Breeds Clubs

(f) The provisions of Rule 7, sub-clauses (b), (c), and (f) ~~and (g)~~ shall apply with necessary changes to all Specialist Breed clubs.

10. Recognised Societies

(f) The provisions of Rule 7(b), (c), and (f) ~~and (g)~~ shall apply with necessary changes to all recognised clubs.

The rationale was that reference to sub-clause (g) is not relevant as zones of influence no longer apply.

**Margaret Wilson / Kaye Finlayson – CARRIED
71 in favour / 0 against**

Motion: That the voting on remits 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 be by show of hands.

Rob Ellis / Karen Sadler - CARRIED

Remit 3 – Executive Council

Section IV

Motion: That the word “telegram” be replaced by “electronic medium”.

15. Annual Conference of Delegates and Special General Meetings

(f) The names of all delegates appointed under this Rule 15 shall be reported in writing by letter or ~~telegram~~ **electronic medium** from the secretary of any society authorised to appoint the delegates under this Rule, or from the bodies or individuals entitled to appoint delegates under this Rule, to the Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

Pam Douglas / Ray Greer – CARRIED

0 against

Remit 4 – Executive Council

Section VI - Administration

Motion: That Rule 23 Meetings of Executive Council be amended as follows:

Amendments in relation to 1) timing of availability of reports (minutes) and 2) where published and means of availability.

(d) A report of the meeting of the Executive Council shall be published **on the New Zealand Kennel Club website** ~~in the next issue of the official organ of the New Zealand Kennel Club,~~ following the date of the meeting of the Executive Council **where ratified**, provided always that the Executive Council may restrict the content of such report in cases where the subject matter is of a confidential or privileged nature. **Reports, once ratified, will be made available in an appropriate medium, upon request, by the Director Secretary.**

The rationale for the motion was to save money.

Discussion on the motion ranged from maintaining the status quo because the *Dog World* was the official organ of the organisation to saving money and being timelier by putting the minutes on the website.

Peter Sharp / Geraldine Gulbransen – CARRIED

7 Against

Remit 5 – Executive Council

Section VI - Administration

Rule 25 Duties of Director Secretary and Treasurer

Amendments for inclusion of acceptance of internet banking

(f) To arrange for the payment of all monies owing by the New Zealand Kennel Club. All payments shall be by cheque **or by internet transfer.**

1) There will be two signatures on each cheque and the signatories for the various banking accounts operated on pursuant to Rule 25 hereof shall be detailed by resolution of the Executive Council from time to time.

2) **For internet payments there must be two signing authorities.**

**Kathleen Hardwick / Bernard Fears – CARRIED
0 against**

Remit 6 – Executive Council

Section VI - Administration

Administrative amendments put forward to reflect changes now in place.

Rule 31 The New Zealand Kennel Club Register

(a) The New Zealand Kennel Club shall keep a Register of Dogs in three parts. ~~and a Companion Dog Directory.~~

(b) No dog may be shown at any show until the appropriate registration has been made.

(c) Part 1 of the Register is the Full Register. It is open only to:

(i) pure bred dogs bred from a sire and dam each registered on Part 1, and

(ii) imported pure bred dogs with a Certified Export Pedigree issued by a canine control recognised by the New Zealand Kennel Club.

Details of the owner/s, name of dog, colour/s, sex, breeder, date of birth, sire, dam, and a registration number shall be recorded.

(d) Part 2 of the Register is the Limited ~~Dog Training~~ Register and is open to any dog.

(e) Part 3 of the Register is the Restricted Register, and is open only to pure bred dogs as specified in (c).

Details of the owner/s, name of dog, colour/s, sex, breeder, date of birth, sire, dam, and a registration number shall be recorded. Any transfer of a dog from Part 3 to Part 1 can only be done with the consent of all the breeder/s of the dog.

~~(f) The Companion Dog Director is open to any dog owned by a member or an associate member.~~

(f) Only dogs registered on Part 1 may be entered at a Championship Show or Open Show.

(g) Only dogs registered on Part 1 may be issued with an export pedigree.

(h) A Dog registered on Part 1 or Part 2 or Part 3 may compete at any agility, obedience or working trials events, and is eligible for all titles in these disciplines.

(i) Registration in Part 1 or Part 2 or Part 3 is only effective for the purposes stated in (a) to (h) above.

It was moved to amend paragraph (e) to read: *Details of the owner/s, name of dog, colour/s, sex, breeder/s, date of birth, sire, dam, and a registration number shall be recorded. Any*

transfer of a dog from Part 3 to Part 1 can only be done with the consent of all the breeder/s and owner/s of the dog.

The rationale for the amendment was to help prevent legal action.

Gary Doyle / Bernard Fear – AMENDMENT CARRIED

Against: 6

Pam Douglas said that the meeting had made a bad decision as this was in complete contradiction to the reason the Restricted Register was started, and this will alter the Registration Regulations.

The President ruled that the amendment had been put and carried, and that it now became the substantive motion and will be put to the meeting. Voting was done by roll call.

LOST

63 Against; 7 For; 1 Abstention

Remit 7 – Executive Council

Sections III and VII

8A.2 Membership Fee Scales

8A.3 New Zealand Gazette Subscriptions

35.(a) Show Levies

The remit proposed by the Executive Council sought an increase in membership fees.

The President sought to amend the remit to read: “Fees shall be adjusted on 1 July each year by the change in the Consumer Price Index as determined by Statistics New Zealand for the year to 31 March in the current year. All rates shall be rounded to the next 10 cents. Any additional fee increases must be put as a remit to the Annual Conference of Delegates. The Director Secretary may amend this rule to show the new rates each 1 July. In 2018 it is proposed that the individual membership fee be increased by \$9 – i.e. over and above the CPI adjustment.” **Seconded: Geoff Collins**

Following considerable discussion against both the amendment and the remit, the President, on behalf of the Executive Council, withdrew the remit.

Remit 8 – Executive Council

Section V – Constitution and Election of Officers

Motion: That Rule 20(b) be amended by inserting the words “means of” and “or electronic” to read:

“Societies to which rules 7, 8, and 9 apply will elect, by means of a postal or electronic ballot on a first past the post basis at such time and upon such terms and conditions as shall be laid down from time to time by regulation promulgated by Executive Council, a President, four members residing in the North Island and four members residing in the South Island to Executive Council.”

Peter Sharp /Karen Sadler - CARRIED

Recommendation 1 – Executive Council

The Executive Council withdrew Recommendation 1, which proposed for discussion adding a new Show Regulation 19.10 forbidding bitches in season to compete or attend any Dogs New Zealand fixture.

At 1.15 p.m. ACOD broke for lunch & resumed again at 3.15 p.m. Presentations were held post lunch.

12. Confirmation of Officers

The President acknowledged departing Executive Councillors Steve Tate and Maree McKenzie, and thanked them for their work on Executive Council.

12.1 Patron

Motion: That Her Excellency Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand, be Patron of NZKC.

Pam Douglas / Ray Greer - CARRIED

12.2 North Island Executive Council

The President confirmed the North Island Executive Council Members, as follows:

- Paul Robinson (51 votes)
- Jill Brooker (39 votes)
- Steve Tate (unsuccessful)

12.3 South Island Executive Council

The President said that Karen McIntyre and Keith Brown had been re-elected to Executive Council unopposed.

12.4 Vice President South Island

The President called for nominations for the role of South Island Vice President.

- Keith Brown – Brian Harris / Gary Doyle
- Karen McIntyre – Martin Hewitt / Gary Doyle
- Clinton Hoeben – Nelson District Kennel Assn

Clinton Hoeben thanked his nominator but declined the nomination.

The meeting appointed the following people as scrutineers: Debbie Hull, Linda Strongman, and Christine Wood, and a vote was taken by ballot.

- Keith Brown (32 votes)
- Karen McIntyre (29 votes)

The President declared Keith Brown elected as Vice President South Island.

12.5 Vice President North Island

The President called for nominations for the role.

- Geoff Collins – Lesley Chalmers / Pencarrow Kennel Assn
- Lisa Slade – Geraldine Gulbransen / Rob Ellis

A vote was taken by ballot.

- Geoff Collins (38 votes)
- Lisa Slade (17 votes)

The President declared Geoff Collins elected as Vice President North Island.

12.6 Presentation of Badges

The President welcomed the new appointees to Executive Council, the Agility Committee, and the Obedience Committee, and presented them with their respective badges.

12.7 Senior Vice President

The President called for nominations for the role of Senior Vice President.

- Geoff Collins – Brian Harris / Pencarrow Kennel Assn
- Keith Brown – Ashleigh Rogers / Geraldine Gulbransen

Keith Brown thanked his nominators but declined the nomination.

The President declared Geoff Collins re-elected as Senior Vice President.

Motion: That the voting papers be destroyed.

Graham Lindup / Jill Brooker - CARRIED

13. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor

Motion: That Deloitte be reappointed as auditor for the ensuing year.

Lesley Chalmers / Ray Greer - CARRIED

Motion: That Gibson Sheat be reappointed as solicitors for the ensuing year.

Sonya Sloan / Peter Sharp - CARRIED

14. Authority to Borrow

Motion: That the Executive Council continue to be given authority to borrow a maximum of \$250,000 for the year ending 30 June 2019 for the purposes, if needed, of the day-to-day running of the New Zealand Kennel Club.

Pam Douglas / Ray Greer - CARRIED

15. Annual Fees and Show Levies

Earlier in the meeting the Executive Council had withdrawn its remit in regard to the annual fees and show levies.

16. General Business

Submissions on Recommendation 1

In reply to a query on the submission made on "bitches in season" being forbidden from attending or competing in shows, the President said that, if it was the will of the membership, the Executive Council will modify its recommendation for discussion at next year's ACOD.

Cryptorchidism / Monorchidism

The Executive Council was asked to look at getting uniformity in the Rules and Regulations as regards age. In the Regulations it was 9 months and in the registration rules it was 6 months.

Action: Executive Council

Live-streaming of Conference

The Executive Council was also asked to look at live-streaming conference for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

Action: Executive Council

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.37 p.m.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

President

Date