

MINUTES OF THE CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE

HELD ON SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

PRESENT: Arend van den Bos, Brian Harris, Kat Thorstrand, Chris Tews, Lucy Sandford-Reed, Merenia Donne, Irma Harris, Sue Howe

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

These having been circulated were taken as read and passed as true and correct.

Chris/Lucy

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Payment of Registration Fee for Assessors** – The payment of a registration fee for all assessors was approved at the last Executive Council meeting. This will assist in identifying the assessors who wish to remain on the panel.
- **Website** – Arend advised the minutes and committee members were now on the website. CGCB is still to be updated.
- **Online Questionnaire** – Kat had forwarded a write up of the questionnaire. This would allow handlers to complete online prior to assessment day if they wished. There would still be an option for a paper questionnaire. It was noted assessors need to be aware that Council bylaws are different in each region. Meeting in favour of trialling this.
- **ID Card** – Chris presented a prototype of a card for assessors with room for qualifications on the reverse. Brian reported that EC had queried the cost of the card and stated that in future DogsNZ will be ceasing posting membership cards which will be a substantial saving. It was discussed whether this could be a digital option on the assessors' MyDogsNZ. Meeting not in favour of this. Arend thanked Chris for his work on the card.
- **Café Exercise** – After discussion an amendment to be made to replace "co-assessor" with "evidence gatherer". There were also some grammars that needed fixing. Arend to send a clean copy to committee before being sent to EC for approval. The changes would at this stage come into effect on 1 June.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Approval of Kat Thorstrand as a CGCB Assessor** – Proposed and seconded by Lucy and Chris. Brian abstained from voting. Meeting in favour.

- **Urban Programme** – Merenia reported this was still work in progress.
- **Assessors not accepting appointments** – The payment of the annual registration fee will assist as clubs will not asking assessors who are no longer wishing to assess. Lucy suggested that assessors should be able to enter online if they are not available for a period of time. This cannot be done at the moment.
- **Assessment Days** – It was noted some clubs are undertaking the training but not running assessment days for handlers. At the moment there is nothing the committee can do about this.
- **Deaf Dogs Being Assessed** – The meeting discussed how to get the dogs attention when the dog is moving away as in silver exercises. Suggestion was made that a vibration collar be permitted. Arend to write amendment to Regs to go to EC.
- **Fees** The purchase fee for the manual is now to increase to \$35. The assessment fee is to increase from \$15 to \$20. The annual licence fee for assessors to be \$10.

Next meeting 27 March 2023.