

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF VIC. INC. 4th FEBRUARY 2024

Meeting Opened:

President's welcome:

In attendance: Beth Canavan, Kathy Grass, Colleen de Haan, May Winning, Robin Simpson and Vanessa van der Helm (via telephone)

Apologies: Lois Mitchell

Minutes of previous meeting

That the Minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read and accepted.

Moved M. Winning Seconded C. de Haan Carried

Business arising from Prev. Minutes

Progeny class changes – after all the emails and consultation Kathy has undertaken to present a case to Dogs Australia via Dogs Victoria, it has been decided by the DV Governance Committee that it will not go to DA but is entirely up to the Club to change the class requirements internally.

That the Business Arising be accepted

Moved K. Grass Seconded C. de Haan Carried

Treasurer's report

Bank Balance at 04/02/2024 \$ 1,063.90

Term Deposit at 03/11/2023 \$ 3,275.14

Total \$ 4,339.04

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

On Tuesday 30/01/2024, I met with Kathy at the Bendigo Bank in Leongatha to transfer \$1,000 of the Available Balance from the Term Deposit into the Statement Account for the purpose of purchasing the airfares for James and Graham Finley-Kirkwood to judge our 2024 Championship Shows. We then transferred \$4,800 into the Gold Card account so that the airfares could be bought.

Kathy went ahead and purchased the airfares. They were cheaper than anticipated costing \$4,326.87 (pending). There was \$473.13 remaining on the card which was transferred back to the statement account.

On Friday evening the payment was fully processed. What neither Kathy or I factored in was the overseas transaction fee, which turned out to be 2 x \$64.90 (\$129.79). Fortunately the bank has honoured that payments but the Gold Card, which had a zero balance at the time, now has a negative balance.

I will need to go into the bank on Monday to find out how to fix the issue (do I just transfer money to the Gold Card and the bank will take the money out?, or do I have to pay the bank directly?)

I also need help from someone with more knowledge and experience than me on how to include all the information so that the Club accounts are reconciled.

That is the reason I have not tabled a full Financial Report for today's meeting.

Robin Simpson

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer

That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved R. Simpson Seconded V. van der Helm Carried

New Memberships

Katie Ardipradja

Tom and Erin Machar

Alicia and Christine Burns

That the new memberships be accepted

Moved C. de Haan Seconded M. Winning Carried

Renewals (2023/2024 year)

Sofie de Rave

That the renewed memberships be accepted.

Moved R. Simpson Seconded K. Grass Carried

Correspondence

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- Email from Dogs Victoria re road closures 8-10/11/2023
- Email from Kathy forwarding the email from Janet Davidson re Management Committee's decision to send the requested changes to class regulations to the Governance Committee of DV
- Email from DV re Member Newsletter #49
- Email from Consumer Affairs re confirmation of receiving Annual Statement CRM 0138167
- Email from Kathy re order of extra 5 calendars – Snapfish order number 32838100321753
- Email from DV re Affiliates Newsletter for November 2023 – forwarded to Kathy
- Email thread with Kathy re Championship Shows financial breakdown
- Email from Regulation Policy consultation at the Justice Department re the new incorporated association regulations November 2023
- Email thread from Kathy to Committee re BDOFD ring allocation for the Open Show and parking requirements
- Email from Kathy to Committee re judge and steward for the Open Show and availability of gazebo space
- Email from Kathy re Vanessa's health
- Email from Kathy forwarding the Show Manager entry fees remittance
- Email from RASV re latest update from the Melbourne Royal
- Email from DV with Invoice for 2024 Affiliation Fee
- Email from Iain with Membership Application form for Tom and Erin Machar
- Email from DV with Christmas edition of Member Newsletter
- Email from Kathy to Committee re request to hold the 2024 Open Show at BDOFD 2024, and that she has secure Lorraine Mitchell to photograph the 2024 Championship Shows
- Email from Puppies Online re their new site and buying puppies from ethical breeders. They are in Sydney
- Email from David Sutherland of Showfur Around Pet Transport
- Email from DV re not furthering request to change class regulation onto Dogs Australia
- Email from Katie Ardipradja re payment of membership fee
- Email from Kathy re securing the 2024 BDOFD for the Open Show
- Email from DV re Affiliates Newsletter January 2024 – focusing on the Night of Nights
- Email from Paul Storen of Mini Tube advertising their breeding seminar
- Email from RASV with announcement of 2024 Melbourne Royal judges
- Email from Iain with membership Application Form for Alicia and Christine Burns
- Email from Kathy re support for the Country Griffon Club of NSW shows
- Email from DV re health diseases and heritable defects
- Email thread from Kathy to Committee re 2024 Judges' visas and payment of airfares

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- Email to Katie Ardipradja with bank account details for payment of membership fee
- Email to DV with completed December quarter 2023 Non Members Levy
- Posted letter to DV with Affiliation Invoice and payment receipt
- Email to Committee with Minutes of November Committee meeting

That the Correspondence be accepted

Moved R. Simpson Seconded M. Winning

Carried

Fund raising – Kathy

The Club sold 70 2024 calendars. Great result through the Club Facebook page.

Kathy is thinking of an Easter Lucky Numbers draw with a Griffon/Easter egg themed feltie as first prize.

Kathy will start on the 2025 calendars in October.

Moved K. Grass Seconded V. van der Helm

Carried

Social Media – Kathy

The screening process of posts on the Club Facebook page is working. We are managing to avoid the scammers.

That the Social Media report be accepted.

Moved K. Grass Seconded C. de Haan

Carried

Show report- Beth/Kathy

February show report 2024

2024 Open show – we have been approved to hold our Open show in conjunction with the Big Day Out for Dogs on Sunday December 8th.

2024 September show dates- James and Graham Finlay- Kirkwood have been added to the O/S visiting judges list with the correct date of Sunday September 9th.

2024 shows – both judges have had their e-visas approved and issued and we have booked their flights. Arrival on Thursday September 26th. At 4.45pm.

Marina and Andrew Looker will pick James up from the park and take him to the Moonlit Sanctuary in the morning.

Stephen, James and Graham are happy to stay after the show for a meal together. Stephen will also bring his partner, Gurjit so he can share in the meal.

The Scottish Thistle class prizes are well underway. I am to also start and complete the Unicorn class prizes by the end of the June holidays, so they are all completed well in time for the show.

We still need opposite prizes, Special class prizes and runner up in show prizes. Any thoughts?

I still have to confirm with both judges an invitation to write a critique for the shows.

2025,2026 and 2027 idea/proposal

As the oldest Griffon club in Australia we have a reputation of holding quality shows.

To continue this rich tradition I propose the idea of once again working towards inviting UK specialists to judge our dogs.

We need time to once again build the funds up to enable us to do this. With this need in mind I propose the following idea:

2025 –51st Championship show with a local judge tbd.

2026 – 52nd and 53rd Championship shows with 2 local judges – maybe one Victorian and 1 interstate or 2 Victorians to reduce costs right down.

2027 - 54th and 55th Championship shows – inviting Julia Spittle and Howard Ogden from the UK respectively. This would be a very big 'win' for our show having Howard again and Julia would be the icing on the cake as she will have several group 1 and Griffon Specialty shows 'under her belt' by 2027.

I have thought about why a double show with UK specialists would be better than one show in 2027 and one in 2028 or indeed one show each year from 2025 – 2029.

The main one is the age of exhibitors and the judges. None of us are getting any younger.

2. Howard may not be able to commit that far ahead or if he is, his health may let him down...and he may be booked before 2029 by another club- NSW which would mean we would lose our big drawcard.

If we commit to this idea now, we can extend the invitation to Julia and Howard immediately. Howard is pretty much judging all over the world now, so he will be booked in advance by many countries. We need to get in quickly and then commit to building our funds up again.

Gail has a plate for Best In Show for the 49th, the Club is to buy both from her. Brett White is making a stag for the 50th.

Property classes trophies – dog beds (\$30 each)

Smaller dog beds for Opposite in Class.

Special class trophies – do we want the same as last year?

Plan for judges 2025-2027:

See Kathy's report above.

The Committee is to have a think and decide via email motions and voting.

Vanessa will pick up the trophies from Kathy and will take them to the shows.

Spit Roast Dinner – both Beth and Colleen are investigating this. Colleen has presented the menu and minimum required from John Preston at the Garfield Butcher Shop. Beth will present her investigations at the next meeting.

It was decided that the trophy presentation would precede the dinner.

It was decided to book the Lyndhurst Room at KCC Park.

It was decided to purchase Subway platters for lunch. Morning tea to be discussed.

That the Show report be accepted.

Moved K. Grass

Seconded V. van der Helm

Carried

Health Report – Vanessa

At the end of January Dogs Victoria sent out a letter asking every Affiliated Breed Club/Group Club for their advice on health diseases and heritable defects within their breeds which would improve if the disease or defect was tested via DNA. Kathy suggested the bobtail gene could be possibly detected from a DNA test, but it is a trait rather than a health issue, therefore it could be listed as an optional DNA test rather than a mandatory one.

That the Health Report be accepted

Moved V. van der Helm

Seconded M. Winning

Carried

General Business

Sponsorship of classes at CGBC of NSW shows – As Olga Baranova from Russia has already sponsored Best In Show trophies and rosettes for both shows, it was decided that the Club would sponsor both Runner Up In Show trophies and rosettes as a gesture of goodwill between the only two remaining Clubs.

That the General Business be accepted

Moved V. van der Helm

Seconded C. de Haan

Carried

Meeting closed: 2:29pm

Next meeting: 7th April at The Tooradin Sports Club. Lunch at 12 noon, followed by meeting at 2pm.

Meeting dates: 9th June, 4th August and 3rd November (after AGM)