

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF EASTERN SUBURBS DOG TRAINING CLUB, HELD ON SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024 AT THE TRAINING GROUNDS IN CENTENNIAL PARK.

Present: Julie Brandon (President – chaired the meeting), Rhiannon Alder (Treasurer), Thierry Bennani (Secretary), Vicki Etherington OAM (Chief Instructor), Joan Stewart, Leonie Kelly, Anne Brophy, Mary Fletcher, Jan Cook, Julie Hodgson & 35 other members.

The meeting opened at 9:56am.

1. Apologies for Heather Martyn, Susie Hardie, and Sandra Walker.
Mover: Thierry Bennani, Seconder: Rhiannon Alder
2. The minutes of the preceding General Meeting for 10 March 2024 were taken as read.
Mover: Leonie Kelly, Seconder: Anne Brophy
3. To transact business arising from such minutes – there were none
4. To receive reports from the committee:
 - a. Secretary's report:
 - The total number of 23/24 financial members, as of the 25th of May 2024, is: 437 (1 Honorary, 16 life, 75 renewals, 345 new)
 - Members will receive an email shortly re membership renewal for the FY 24/25. Members were reminded to bring their completed renewal form with their dog's proof of vaccination to the desk to complete the renewal process
 - As communicated to all members via email, class time will revert back to 8h00am to 10h00am following overwhelming feedback from members
 - Due to the Monarch's birthday holiday, there will be no class on the 9th of June. In addition, as a lot of instructors are either competing or in training on Sunday the 16th of June, there will be no classes on that day as well.
 - b. Chief Instructor's report: The Chief Instructor explained to members when instructors are not available to take classes, they are most likely representing the Club at a competition. The Chief Instructor informed members of the various recent achievements of the Club's instructors at various competitions. She concluded by thanking all instructors for volunteering their time every Sunday enabling the club to offer all its classes to its members.
 - c. President's report:
 - The president encouraged members to compete in Dogs NSW competitions being either in Obedience, or in Rally.

5. To consider and deal with business deferred from the previous meeting – there were none
6. To consider and deal with motions of which notice has been given – it was highlighted the motion of which notice had been given was in fact not a motion requiring a vote from members, but rather information to be shared with members. As such, it would be dealt with in item 10. “Other Business”.

Mover: Julie Brandon, Seconder: Desmond Paton:

There were no other motions of which notices had been given.

7. To receive notices of motion at this meeting – there were none.
8. To consider and deal with motions of which notice has not been given – there were none.
9. To hear through the chairperson’s answers to questions from members and where appropriate to deal with the subject matter thereof – there were none.
10. To deal with such other business as the chairperson or the members may allow:
 - a. Members were informed of the Obedience interclub Challenge on the 27th of July at the Illawarra Dog Training Club grounds in Wollongong. This “mock” trial is the perfect opportunity for members interested in competing to get their first “trailing experience”. Members interested to join the Club’s team were asked to talk to their respective instructors
 - b. Leonie Kelly asked for a request be put to the Centennial Parkland to treat the grounds against bindi weed.

The meeting closed at 10h10am.