

2018 Annual General Meeting of the
The Newfoundland Club Inc
Date: 4th November, 2018

Venue: Neil & Aynsley's home at 178 Raynes Rd, Rukuhia, RD 2, Hamilton
Julie opened the meeting at 2.05pm and welcomed those present

Present Julie & Evan Treweek, Owen & Jennie Shrubbs, Don & Jane Benbrook, Alan & Lyn Lucas, Phill & Claudine Moore, Joe & Lyn Williams, Neil & Aynsley Clarke

Apology Debbie & Trevor Neave

Minutes 2017 AGM Minutes of the 2017 AGM were distributed for re-consideration and agreed to as a true and correct record of that meeting.
Proposed: Neil Clarke Seconded: Evan Treweek CARRIED

Matters Arising

- Covered below

President's Report

The President's Report was presented to the meeting . In Brief it covered:

- Few activities this year
- Water training & Water Trial
- Disadvantaged Kids Xmas Party
- Joint Giant Breeds "Introduction to carting" at the Leamington Domain. Initiative came from St Bernard Club; good turnout of dogs of many breeds; 12 Newfy people attended; very well-organised.

Motion: That the President's report for the year 2017-18 be accepted.
Proposed: Julie Treweek Seconded: Owen Shrubbs CARRIED

Presentation of the Club Awards

- No presentations were made due to lack of competitive events and any award proposals

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Financial Reports for the Club and all 3 Branch accounts were tabled (copies filed with these minutes).

- mostly just subs; once again a lean year with fixed costs being spread over fewer members.
- only 20-30 financial members
- Branch accounts hold most of our financial assets

Motion: That the accounts of the Club including Auckland and Wellington Branch accounts to 30 June 2018, be accepted.
Proposed: Phill Moore Seconded: Jane Benbrook CARRIED

Financial Policies

- That, because of the low offering of events and communications to our members, subscriptions remain at: single membership \$20 (previously \$35.00), double membership \$30.00 (previously \$45.00) with no change to our overseas (\$30.00) and South Island memberships (\$20.00)

AGREED

- That, because all branches are now in recession, there be no allocation of subscriptions to the Branch accounts in the coming year

AGREED

- That the fees for requesting a special general meeting in terms of clause 23(b)(iii) be set at \$250.00.

AGREED

- **Motion:** That the Club waive billing members for subscriptions in the 2018-19 financial year and instead transfer funds from Branch accounts to cover membership dues.

Proposed: Owen Shrubbs Seconded: Phill Moore CARRIED

- After firther discussion it was also AGREED :

That for this coming year, a zero invoice be sent to members explaining the rationale behind this decision (fewer memberships; Club is financially secure; a desire to improve our membership base) and requiring that members reply as an indication of their desired to retain their Club membership CARRIED

Election of

- In the absence of any formal nominations the following people, coming largely from the existing committee, AGREED to stand in the coming year:

Officers

President: Owen Shrubbs
 Vice-President: Phill Moore
 Secretary: Neil Clarke
 Treasurer: Phill Moore
 Committee: Evan Treweek
 Julie Treweek
 Alan Lucas
 Claudine Smith
 Jane Benbrook
 Don Benbrook
 Jo Williams
 Lyn Williams

- Webmasters: Rachel Priebee,
 & Facebook : Claudine Smith

Owen to contact Rachel to discuss Web Site and Facebook opportunities and info on how members are able to set-up to automatically received notifications from these sources

- Branch signatories: It was AGRED that the signatories for all Club and Branch accounts be: Phill Moore, Julie Treweek, Owen Shrubbs, Neil Clarke

Owen took over the Chair for the remainder of the meeting

General Business

Club Assets

- Incorporated Society returns will in future require an annual update of Club Asssets (and their book values) now that the Club has taken over the management of the assets previously held by our now recessed Branches. Last

year we indicated that the only Club assets were trophies which were of no commercial value.

- **Hard Assets**

- trailers, boats carts, etc
- AK gear (held at Alan's): Alan to list for discussion at the next committee meeting
- MZ & WN gear: (held at Neil's and Evan's): Evan likewise as above

- **Soft Assets (trophies, records,..)**

- Trophies: (boxed up and held at Evans - refer last year's AGM)
- Records: because of the work involved there was little interest in retaining records for historical purposes - need to focus on the future
 - AK paper records at Alan's (old stuff >7yrs already disposed of)
 - Cub & MZ records: at Neil's; recent records boxed up in plastic bins; Neil to consolidate electronic versions of Club and Midlanz minutes, and emails from his RightNote database; could use cloud storage
 - WN paper records (held at Neil's): yet to be consolidated/culled from about a dozen cartons which Neil has no desire to hold when he shifts house

Xmas Committee Meeting and Party

- Sunday 2 Dec from 2pm (possibly at Neil's if he still lives there)
- **Topics:** written inventories; assets disposals; housing of assets; events; 'Whither the Club'

Up-coming Event

- Disabled Kids Xmas Party at Mystery Creek; 10.30am at Mystery Creek on Sat 24 November

Newfy Dresser for Sale

- Claudine to follow-up enquiry from Brian Hewitt

'Whither the Club?'

- some new members are ready to learn more Newfy activity skills (e.g. carting now that their dogs have matured)
- Re-iteration of points raised at last year's AGM:
 - should continue to seek a new GT Editor nut with a focus on communication via the web, as flyers to members and as event information via the Events Calendar.
 - our Champ Show was a good example of us working together and with other big dog breeds. It also got a good response from members.
 - costly, but we still "went overboard with prizes"; "breeders are really just after the awards"
 - also important in giving members the "bug to get into breeding"
 - and to retsin our integrity with the NZKC as the main advocate for maintaining our breed
 - breeders are vital to keep the Club going
 - Sonia offered to assist liaison with breeders and big dog breeds
 - AGREED that a committee be formed to establish better liaison with other big dog breeds to help encourage member participation in events
 - need something positive to take to the other breeds

- we have skills in water work, carting and socialising

There being no further business Owen closed the meeting at 4.45 pm.
