

OCTC Committee Meeting 15 April 2021

Minutes

Present:

Committee Members: Belinda Culling, Grace Fleury, Ailsa Hawkins, Elaine Limburg, Jean McKinnon, Melissa Paterson, MaryRose Scoular, Dianne Sprott, Lynn van Beers

Non-Committee: Diana O’Kane

Apologies: (Dianne/MaryRose)

Leigh Birchall (excused until July), Jess Beevis

Meeting opened: 7:07pm

• Minutes of Last Meeting (18th March)

Accepted as true and correct record (Jean/Lynn)

Matters Arising:

• Agility Equipment Standardisation

- *All new equipment manufactured and purchased after July 2020 MUST meet new regulations.*
- *By 1st Jan 2021, A-frames to be altered to the new height of 1650mm. Other changes to the A-frame by Jan 2024.*
- *By 1st July 2021, all weaves must meet the new regulations.*

- # One set of contact gear has been modified. Simon Monson did a great job and you can barely tell anything has been done. The invoice has come in at \$1615.41. Donna will apply for a grant from the DNZAC to pay for the second set of gear to be done.
- # A dispensation for the Aframe was not necessary - just a small trim off the bottom and the contact zone repainted.
- # Wayne Grant and Roy Thorndycraft checked the gear last Friday before the show and were happy, but we are not 100% sure the Aframe is correct – may be an inch too long. We need to clarify which A Frame this is and whether there is a problem with it.
- # Some gear needs more rubber chipping – there are bald spots, and hardened chip where painting has had to be done over the top (reset contact zones). Once the second set is modified, a working bee could be held to get the contact gear properly chipped all at once. The crossover needs to have the slats removed and the bare spots re-chipped.
- # A tyre jump broke during the show in the weekend, hopefully fixable. A screw was lost from the flag stand – hopefully just a standard screw that can be replaced easily.
- # Leigh Birchall’s husband runs the Stephen Duff Nissan car yard and there is a possibility that they may offer sponsorship in the form of purchasing Agility equipment for the club. It was suggested that they might consider providing the “wish list” gear that needs replacing (long jump, blind jump, spread jump, extra wing jumps). They will look at putting together a proposal, which is likely to include displaying their name/logo on the equipment provided, though within the regulations for visibility, safety etc. Leigh makes no promises, and she hopes to bring something more concrete to the meeting when she returns in July.
- # Sale of unwanted gear – the old red training tunnels will be offered for sale to members for a donation. This item to be taken off the agenda for future meetings.

• Gates for Porch

Dianne’s dad has supplied six wheels and Ailsa found a couple second hand. Need to decide what will work best. MaryRose has a contact who may be able to attach them. He could look at them during the 24/25 April show?

- **Relocating OCTC Survey**

A further seven responses have been received to the survey. They follow the same pattern as previous responses so nothing has changed. The survey is still open but it seems pretty clear what the general feeling is – a move to a shared or exclusive facility with the ability to exclude the public and keep dogs safe, room for dogs to exercise, in the preferred areas of central Dunedin, or between Green Island and Mosgiel. The availability of a large indoor venue is very important to most respondents, and almost all respondents indicated that whether or not the club should move depends on the nature of the new venue and the arrangements involved. Where to from here?

Diana will send members the results of the survey and ask if anyone has any further suggestions. Diana will let Simon Monson know that OCTC are potentially interested in a multi-club, privately owned facility.

- **Achievements Board**

Champions have been identified to the best of our ability. For now, a laminated list can be put up in the hall and garage, and on our website. Diana will send the details to MaryRose, who will put a list together.

- **DTANZ Seminar**

The Competitive Obedience Training Seminar is to be held on Sunday 16th May in Porirua. It is only open to people nominated by their club and its purpose is to offer training techniques for teaching Obedience at club level (heelwork, recall, retrieve, stay, sendaway, focus and motivation). Registration closes 30th April. Cost is \$60 for DTANZ members (\$5 membership fee) and \$120 for non-DTANZ-members. Trainers are Lynda and Wayne Loader and Karen Sadler. Diana has a copy of the flyer and the registration form. “Very small” chance this may be offered in Auckland and/or Christchurch.

Anyone who we send to this seminar must be prepared to put what they learn into practice and make sure regular structured obedience classes are happening. Grace is interested in going. Diana will see if anyone else would like to go.

- **Rule Change (non-members at training)**

As we have not had any progress reported on this matter, it will be removed from the agenda.

- **Items for Sale**

This is now working well. There is still work to do, but this can be removed from the agenda.

- **Children at Training (MaryRose)**

MaryRose is working on this. There doesn't seem to be anything specific to children already available.

- **Photography Policy (Jean)**

Draft copies of waiver form and photography policy attached. Legally, permission must be gained before photos are taken, not after. This only applies to photos being taken by OCTC for publication – we have no responsibility or control over what individuals do in a public place but such photos can not then be published on our Facebook page, Instagram, or website. We can have waiver forms available at Obedience and Rally-O shows easily enough, as these are indoor shows with small numbers of competitors. It is more difficult with Agility, which is outside on a public park and has a lot more people involved. Melissa will investigate whether a tick box giving permission can be added to the online agility entry form. Identifying people who have not signed the waiver will be tricky for an official photographer, but hopefully this will only be a very small number of people.

- **Access to Email Addresses**

This has been sorted out as far as is possible. Remove from agenda.

Ongoing

- Electronic Storage of Club Records
- Ribbon Grant
- Level 2 Training and Shows Policy
- Instructor Resources on Website (Manuals, Course Notes etc)
- Policy Document Updates

Coordinator Reports:

- **Agility (Leigh Birchall) (Belinda/Melissa)**

This week we have made our transition to the equestrian center for training over winter. Our trainers and handlers pulled together to make this trip a success. We will remain at the equestrian center over winter for our training on Tuesday nights. Unfortunately due to the change in venue we have started to see a decline in handlers able to make it to training. This is unfortunate however all members who cannot travel this far have requested to stay on our roll book to attend classes once we are back at the forrester park.

All new members who have started this year are all making great progress in their training. It is great to see handlers following their trainers guidance and achieving their goals.

Over the past weekend we had our April agility show. I have heard great things from agility handlers and members of the public. This includes members who are a part of our club, others who have travelled from out of town to attend and people who came to watch the competition. I would like to thank everyone who helped to organise this show and thank you to those who volunteered to assist with jobs on the day. Congratulations to those who entered the show and had nice runs.

Adele Smith has agreed to send out all of the emails to members/handlers regarding the next lot of classes due to start on the 11th of May. I aim to return to completing this task after this block of classes. Due to the timing of committee meetings i am able to continue to send Agility agendas through whilst i am unable to attend committee meetings over the next few months. This will keep the committee up to date with what is occurring with agility.

From Donna

Show went well. Had a bit of rain on Saturday, bit hot on Sunday:) I'll stick up a thank you on FP tomorrow. Had a number of handlers say thank you good show. So positive feedback.

I didn't realise the committee had not asked Taieri for equipment for the show, and a little birdie told me Taieri committee is going to write to octc to say more notice next time. Just wondered if we could get in first and send an email to say sorry for not asking sooner and thanking them for being accommodating at short notice. I transported them, meeting them at EC and then we had to go to there club room to get others. *[Melissa had approached TCTC about borrowing gear in February]*

Also it would be nice to email a thankyou to Wayne and Roy for checking our gear on Friday prior to our show. Please.

Diana will send a thank you to Roy and Wayne for checking our gear.

We need more of the small oblong sandbags so that there are enough available at both Forrester Park and the Equestrian Centre. Lynn moved that we purchase 10 small sausage sandbags. Seconded by Ailsa. Passed unanimously. Belinda will give Diana the contact details of the person who makes them so more can be ordered. We have lots of sand for filling them.

- **Canine Companion (Lynn van Beers) (Lynn/MaryRose)**

CC1 & CC2 have just had their 2nd week of their 6 week course, a large proportion of the dogs are only 5-6 months. 19 have started in CC1 , 5 have started in CC2

We reordered more longlines in preparation for sales through CC, but there are also a few extra in case Agility or Treibball wanted any.

I have now started sorting through the June waiting list. We currently have 22 hopefuls wanting to get into a 20 space course.

- **Obedience (Jess Beevis)**

No report.

- **Rally-O (Elaine Limburg) (Elaine/Jean)**

Course 3rd May to 28th June 6 weeks. I urgently need to know if the Poultry club will need the weekend before the 24th May as this will take another Monday off Rally and will reduce the course to 5 weeks and the cost of the course. We cannot/shouldn't charge for 6 weeks and then reduce it to 5.

The rally meeting minutes were circulated to rally members and committee but we need to record the decision to cancel our July NZARO event in these minutes and run a OCTC fun day. Need to let FPMC know the changes but we still want the hall. I have advised Bev Thomson.

It was clarified that the weekend in question that the Poultry Club may use is the 22/23 May, not the 15/16 May.

The July NZARO shows on the 3rd and 4th July and 27th and 28th November have been cancelled, however we will still run some kind of Rally-O event those weekends. This was decided after consultation with Rally-O members, and arose as a result of concerns over the way NZARO is being run as an organisation. FP will need to be advised as to what kind of event we will run, as this will determine the hire charge.

- **Treibball (Carina Hyink-Gough)**

Nothing to report.

- **Flygility (Elaine Limburg) (Elaine/MaryRose)**

We have decided to change over to some Saturday afternoons for training over winter. The EC was considered but people were not keen if the dogs ended up ingesting some of the EC surface material by dropping a slobbery ball and picking it back up. Saturday afternoon training is 10th and 17th April, 8th and 22nd May. Further dates to be sorted. All subject to weather of course.

Two new members have joined us.

- **Forrester Park (Dianne Sprott) (Dianne/MaryRose)**

Asphalt repairs still a work in progress.

FP has a new contact person at DCC, Shirley Stuart, who is very proactive and keen to work with FP rather than against.

She arranged to have the creek cleaned out and has said that any sign of torrential rain, she will organize sand bags to direct water away from the hall.

Eventually there will be a permanent bund built along the creek edge to stop it overflowing.

Secretary Report (Diana O’Kane)

• Membership

- Membership is currently 65.
- New members for approval: Georgia Bradshaw (treibball) – Georgia was approved by the committee (Ailsa/Jean)

• Secretary Hours

1st – 28th March 2021 35.75 hrs Approved Treasurer/President and paid. Ratified by committee.

Secretary		Show Secretary	
Email/FB/Phone/Text/Msg	9.50	Catalogue	1.50
Meetings		Show Entries	1.75
Agenda	5.00	Show Prep	3.50
Attendance	2.50	Results	1.00
Minutes	3.00	Sponsorship	0.50
Website/Facebook updates	0.25	Website	0.50
CC Preparation	3.00	Ribbons	0.50
Membership	1.00		
Misc:			
Survey	0.50		
Filing (emails)	1.00		
Printing (Rally-O)	0.50		
Hours Record	0.25		
26.50		9.25	

• Correspondence (Lynn/Ailsa)

Inwards (to be accepted)

- Rosemary Baker (DNZAC) – requesting updated contact details for club admin and treasurer
- North Canterbury Dog Training Club – obedience ribbon trial flyer
- Freeparking – warning of phishing scam using Freeparking identity
- Colleen Begg (DNZ) – re non-members listed as OCTC members on DNZ website
- Colleen Begg (DNZ) – invoice for club subscription and public liability insurance levy
- Dawn Barry – request for refund of Agility entries
- Janet Bainbridge (SR) – notice of 2021 Southern Region AGM and 2020 AGM Minutes
- Beverley Thomson – acknowledgement of cancellation of July NZARO show
- Cushla Fitzwater (DTANZ) – notice of new date for DTANZ Competitive Obedience seminar and clarification of who could attend.
- Susan Sheppard (OJA) – Rally-O shows to be levied 0.45 per entry from 1st August for OJA support of Rally judges.
- Colleen Begg (DNZ) – voting form and candidate bios for Executive Council NI positions.
- New training enquiries x 16

Outwards (to be endorsed)

- Rosemary Baker (DNZAC) – updated contact details for club and club treasurer
- Colleen Begg (DNZ) – membership list and identification of non-members on DNZ website
- Beverley Thomson – advice that the July NZARO show is cancelled and she is not needed to judge
- Cushla Fitzwater (DTANZ) – seeking clarification as to who could attend the Competitive Obedience seminar
- Simon Monson (WKA) – offer to cater WKA breed show following the FP Benefit Show 9/10 October 2021
- Richard van den Bos (SR) – people on Obedience and Rally voting registers listed as OCTC members but who are not.
- Response to all training enquiries

Treasurer's Report (Dianne Sprott)

MARCH BANKING: Balances on 31 March 2021 \$9,139.64 Total Term Deposits x 3 \$33,967.48

Payee	Reason	Amount	Club	Agility	Obedience	Rally	CanComp	Treibball	Spshp/Fnd
DogsNZ	March Obed levies	91.78			91.78				
Sthrn Reg Obed	March Obed levies	42.00			42.00				
Obed Judges Assoc	March Obed levies	37.80			37.80				
Dianne Sprott	March Ob Prizes	945.00			945.00				
Jill Strang	March Ob Lunches	92.42			92.42				
Susan Sheppard	March Ob JdgsExp	132.00			132.00				
Jo Miller	March Ob JdgsExp	90.00			90.00				
Quality Pres	March Ob ribbons	207.29			207.29				
Forrester Park	March Ob Venue	224.00			224.00				
Sthrn Reg Obed	Annual Levy	300.00			300.00				
Diana O'Kane	Secretary, Feb	960.00	960.00						
Diana O'Kane	Secretary, March	858.00	858.00						
Diana O'Kane	Printer Ink, Cardbrd	194.14					194.14		
Agility Stuff	Rubber Chip	89.70		89.70					
MaryRose Scoular	Travel Subsidy Ag	87.00		87.00					
Lynn Bowden	Travel Subsidy CC	300.00					300.00		
Elaine Limburg	Travel Subs CC/Club	189.00	42.00				147.00		
Elaine Limburg	Printer cartidges	60.00	60.00						
Elaine Limburg	Lunge Reins	61.96							61.96
Ailsa Hawkins	Velcro Dots	33.60				33.60			
Monique Lukassen	Apr Ag refund	5.00		5.00					
Jan Evans-Freeman	Apr Ag refund	43.50		43.50					
Dogs NZ	Apr Rally certificates	40.00				40.00			
Dogs NZ	June Jprs schedule	90.00		90.00					
Forrester Park	Training hall hire	540.00		150.00	60.00	150.00	90.00	90.00	
TOTAL OUT		5714.19	1920.00	465.20	2222.29	223.60	731.14	90.00	61.96
Various People	Memberships	241.00	241.00						
Various People	Apr Ag entries	3642.00		3642.00					
Various People	Agility Training	486.00		486.00					
Various People	Obed Training	10.00			10.00				
Various People	Apr Rally entries	425.00				425.00			
Various People	CC1 April course	997.00					997.00		
Various People	CC2 April course	425.00					425.00		
Various People	Treibball Training	166.00						166.00	
Various People	Treat bag sales	132.00							132.00
Various People	Lunge line sales	60.00							60.00
Various People	Clicker sales	20.00							20.00
Rona Shaw	Donation	20.00							20.00
Westpac	Interest	0.41	0.41						
TOTAL \$ IN		6624.41	241.41	4128.00	10.00	425.00	1422.00	166.00	232.00
March only	In	Out	Cash Mvmnt						
Club	241.41	1,920.00	-1678.59						
Agility	4,128.00	465.20	3662.80						
Obedience	10.00	2,222.29	-2212.29						
Rally	425.00	223.60	201.40						
Canine Comp	1,422.00	731.14	690.86						
Treibball	166.00	90.00	76.00						
Spshp/Fndrsng	232.00	61.96	170.04						
1 Sep 20 - 31 Mar 21	In	Out	Cash Mvmnt						
Club	2,400.06	10,834.59	-8,434.53						
Agility	6,498.50	3,267.71	3,230.79						
Obedience	1,560.00	4,769.30	-3,209.30						
Rally	4,011.50	4,662.95	-651.45						
Canine Comp	6,015.00	2,134.02	3,880.98						
Treibball	552.00	630.00	-78.00						
Spshp/Fndrsng	2,463.21	1,599.93	863.28						
TOTAL	\$23,500.27	\$27,898.50	-4,398.23						

Concern was raised over the year-to-date loss for Obedience, and that the situation appears to be worsening. Entry fees are around half of show expenses and no other significant income is being generated. Diana will contact Obedience members about the matter to get some feedback.

Show Secretary Report (Diana O’Kane)

- Schedules for September Agility and Obedience are due 31 May
- July and November NZARO shows are cancelled, but an alternative Rally event will be run those weekends instead so we want to keep the booking. Diana will email Anne McLachlan (FPMC) to let her know (cc Dianne Sprott)
- Agility Show Secretary – this role, or at least parts of it, needs to be sorted out urgently – too much for one person. The tasks need to be delegated out with committee assistance, and not necessarily only to Agility people. We need a list of jobs to work from. Melissa has started one and Donna may have done one as well – Diana will ask her. Agility people need to be trained up to do more jobs, including show managing.
- Rally-O entries will be levied an extra 0.45 per entry from August 2021, to go to the Obedience Judges Assoc. This may mean Rally-O entry fees need to increase.

Agility	Obedience	Rally-O	Treibball	Schedule Due
		24/25 April 21 4 x DNZ Champ Rally		31 Jan (Mar DW)
19/20 June 21 (at EC) 5 x Jumpers				28 Feb (Apr DW)
		3 /4 July 21 Rally-O Event		n/a
11/12 July 21 Zone 5 Games				n/a
21/22 August 21 Zone 5 team trials				n/a
11/12 September 21 2xAg,2xJ,AD,ADXA	11/12 September 21 3 x Obedience Champ			31 May (July DW)
		18/19 September 21 4 x DNZ RallyO Champ		30 Jun (Aug DW)
3 October 21 Ag/J ribbon trial				n/a
	7 November 21 Obedience ribbon trial			n/a
		27/28 November 21 Rally-O event		n/a

JUDGES				
24/25 April 2021	DNZ Ch RallyO x 4	Jo Miller	Ann Davis	Dawn McCracken
19/20 June 2021	Ch Jumpers x 5	Carole Logan	Isobel Syme	
3 /4 July 2021	RallyO Event			
11/12 Septmbr 2021	Ch Ag/Jmps/AD/ADX			
11/12 Septmbr 2021	Ch Obedience x 3	Steve Hull		
18/19 Septmbr 2021	DNZ Ch RallyO x 4	Arend van den Bos (tbc)	Yvette Coutts (tbc)	Lyn Clearwater (tbc)
3 October 2021	Agility R/T			
7 November 2021	Obedience R/T			
27/28 Novmbr 2021	Rally-O Event			

24 th & 25 th April 2021 Championship Rally-O x 4				
Schedule due 31 st January for March Dog World			Entries close: 11 th April	
Show Manager		Helena Akesson + helper		
Start Time		8.45am		
Judges		Jo Miller	Ann Davis	Dawn McCracken
Expenses		\$90	\$30	\$100
Accommodation		Diana	Elaine	Sorting own (Clearwaters)
Travel		Own car	Flights sorted, Helena will pick up, transport to FP?	Own car
Saturday		Encore1, Exc1	Nov2, Exc2, Adv2	Adv1, Nov1
Sunday		Nov4, Exc4, Adv4	Exc3, Adv3	Nov3, Encore2
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster
Proplan, prizes/ribbons to 3 rd , AdvB ribbons?	\$50 cash		Shared lunch	Helena?

19 th & 20 th June Championship Jumpers x 5				
Schedule due 28 th February for April Dog World			Entries close: 21 st May Equestrian Centre	
Show Manager				
Start Time		Course walk 8am		
Judges		Carole Logan	Isobel Syme	
Expenses				
Accommodation				
Travel				
Saturday		JA1,JC2,JC3,JB3	JC1,JB1.JB2,JA2	
Sunday		JB4,JA4,JA5	JA3,JC4,JC5,JB5	
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster
Prizes 1-3, \$25, \$20, \$15 Proplan?			Mikey's Kai food truck and Archie Coffee van?	

3 rd & 4 th July 2021 Rally-O Event				
Pre-entry and entry on the day				
Show Manager				
Start Time				
Judges				
Expenses				
Accommodation				
Travel				
Saturday				
Sunday				
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster
Proplan?			Shared lunch	

11 th & 12 th September 2021 Ch Agility x 2, Ch Jumpers x 2, AD Trial, ADXA Trial				
Schedule due 31 st May for July Dog World			Entries close: 15 th August	
Show Manager				
Start Time				
Judges				
Expenses				
Accommodation				
Travel				
Saturday				
Sunday				
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster
Ribbons 3 rd – 10%, prizes 1-3, \$25, \$20, \$15 Proplan?			Mikey's Kai food truck and Archie Coffee van?	

11 th & 12 th September 2021 Championship Obedience Tests x 3				
Schedule due 31 st May for July Dog World			Entries close: 29 th August	
Show Manager				
Start Time				
Judges		Steve Hull		
Expenses				
Accommodation				
Travel		Airfares paid, flights tb bkd		
Saturday				
Sunday				
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster
Ribbons 1- 5 Beg/Nov, 1-3 A,B,C Prizes 1-3, \$25, \$20, \$15 Proplan?			Mikey's Kai food truck and Archie Coffee van?	

18 th & 19 th September 2021 Championship Rally-O x 4				
Schedule due 30 th June for August Dog World			Entries close: 5 th September	
Show Manager				
Start Time				
Judges		Arend van den Bos to be contracted	Yvette Coutts to be contracted	Lyn Clearwater to be contracted
Expenses				
Accommodation			n/a	n/a
Travel			own	own
Saturday				
Sunday				
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster
Proplan, prizes/ribbons to 3 rd , ribbons to be ordered?				

3rd October 2021 Agility Ribbon Trial

Not scheduled

Show Manager				
Start Time				
Judges				
Expenses				
Accommodation				
Travel				
Saturday				
Sunday				
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster

7th November 2021 Obedience Ribbon Trial

Show Manager				
Start Time				
Judges				
Expenses				
Accommodation				
Travel				
Saturday				
Sunday				
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster

27th & 28th November 2021 Rally-O Event

Pre-entry and entry on the day

Show Manager				
Start Time				
Judges				
Expenses				
Accommodation				
Travel				
Saturday				
Sunday				
Prizes/Ribbons/Spnsor	Judges' Gifts	Judges' Meals	Catering	Job Roster
Proplan, order ribbons from NZARO (1 st /2 nd), prizes to 3rd			Shared lunch	

General Business

- **Mess Left by DCC Contractor**

A contractor has dredged out the creek beside the dog park. The stretch alongside the fence has been turned into a bog and Donna had to scrape and shovel the mud off the ring area for the Agility show. They have also sprayed mud up the side of the garage, over the porch, and the garage door (which was very unpleasant to open last week). It is still a boggy mess and the dredgings from the creek have been dumped in a big pile at the end of the dog park. This is currently fenced off but is there a possibility of contaminated soil in amongst it, given that it has been scraped out of the creek bed and banks?

Should we make a complaint, or ask DCC to clean up our garage? See pictures attached.

There is some concern that the mud may have damaged the garage cladding. Elaine will try to water blast it off. Diana will email Anne McLachlan with the photos so she is aware of what happened, and we will see what FP think we should do from here, if anything.

- **Training Fees**

A question has arisen over how to charge training fees when someone can only attend a certain number of classes in a block for a genuine reason. For example, we have a person who wants to attend Agility but works every second Tuesday night. We have also had various incidents of dogs (or people) being injured and unable to complete a course, or coming into season, or having some other very valid reason for not being able to attend. These scenarios are not covered in our current policies regarding training fees, and the situations where an exemption would be made are not clearly defined.

It was agreed that in principle it is reasonable to reduce the cost if there is a good reason, such as work rosters, bitch in season, injury etc. Where it is not clear cut some circumstances still needed to be approved on a case-by-case basis. People can be transferred to a subsequent class when unforeseen incidents arise, such as illness or injury with an adjustment in cost as required.

- **New AGM Rally-O Trophy**

Jean would like to donate a new Rally-O trophy, to be awarded at the AGM to the dog and handler who have worked hard but whose results do not reflect their efforts. The recipient would be chosen by the coordinator with input from instructors as appropriate. The trophy would be known as the Angus Cup or Trophy.

“Angus was a rescue dog whose rough start in life meant that his potential was not reached. He overcame an initial trust issue and was starting to respond really well for me, even to the point of responding to hand signals from a distance. Unfortunately, this lasted until he was 15 months old, when his behaviour deteriorated to the point where he would bite out of the blue. The vet diagnosed schizophrenia likely due to a traumatic brain injury inflicted on him before 11 weeks of age (when I got him). I would like this trophy to celebrate his albeit short life.”

The committee is very happy for Jean to donate this trophy.



- **Southern Region 2021 AGM**

This is being held on Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7pm via Zoom conference. Attendees to contact Richard van den Bos.

Nominations for Southern Region Committee Secretary and/or Treasurer, and agenda items, to be sent by 21st April.

2021 NDOA being held at Labour weekend in Christchurch

Digital Club Dollars

As suggested in an email to committee members, I have drawn up a spreadsheet which sets out the club dollars earned and used by an individual, and provides their current balance. My suggestion is that we stop issuing physical club dollars. They are time consuming and wasteful, and it can take days, often weeks, to get them from one person to another, whether being received or being spent.

The plan is that coordinators provide a list of who has earned what, and this is added to each person's balance. When someone wants to use their club dollars, they let the administrator know how much and what for, that amount is subtracted from their balance, and the appropriate person is advised that the bill has been paid. Each person has a running total a bit like a bank statement so they can see what they have received and spent and what it was for, with the final balance at the top under their name. Digital dollars can also be gifted and refunded if need be.

This spreadsheet is updated as quickly as possible and uploaded to the website where anyone can look at it at any time. It is currently sitting on the Rules and Resources page under Club Information on the main menu. As a PDF, it can't be altered online by anyone. An offline version is also sitting on my computer, so it can still be accessed if the internet is down, and people can always just ask me for their balance if they can't, or don't want to, look online.

This system is already operating on a small scale, but I need committee approval to launch it officially. I am happy to look after this and it only takes a few minutes to update and upload. Obviously it doesn't have to be me, but I am probably the person best situated to ensure updates are done in as timely a manner as possible. Also, as the person ticking off show entry payments and membership fees, it is much more efficient to be able to do this immediately rather than waiting for someone else to let me know when something has been paid.

The committee approved this new system. Diana will notify members of the change.

- **Treat Bags**

Dianne has offered to take over ordering the treat bags from Jill, as Jill is not currently involved in training. An order has been placed.

- **Prize Money**

Dianne has considered the option of paying prize money online, to avoid the pre show hassle of obtaining the correct denomination of cash. It would actually be a lot more work to pay prizes online, with the major downside being that we would need everybody's bank account number, and it would be very time consuming. However, it is an idea / option which may have its place sometime in the future.

A voucher could be given out to prize winners with the details of how much they had won and how to claim it. They would then contact Dianne after the show with their account details and you wouldn't need the account number of every person who entered. Dianne would just need a list of prizewinners so she could check that against the people claiming a prize.

This was accepted as a good idea – it is up to Dianne whether dealing with voucher claims was easier for her than organising cash prizes. Diana is happy to design vouchers.

- **Executive Council Election**

The club has received a voting form and candidate bios for the North Island positions on the DNZ Executive Council. I have forwarded these on to committee members/coordinators. The club has a vote, rather than individuals. Do we want to vote? Do we want to just make a decision or put it out to all members? I suggest that if we want to vote, we can try to reach consensus via email, as voting closes before the next meeting.

The committee felt that our club vote should go to Rosemary Cleator and Fiona Hodgson, as both were experienced dog training competitors and would hopefully add a dog training voice to the Executive Council

Meeting closed: 10.00pm

Next meeting: 20th May 7pm





Otago Canine Training Club Photography Policy. (draft)

While it is legal to take photos in a public place, so long as people cannot be identified, at an official OCTC event (training, tournament, competition etc), written permission must be obtained.

On private property, the permission of the property owners (or their agent) and the tenants must be given. In the case of Forester Park, this would be Dogs NZ through the Forester Park Management Committee and whichever club was using it at the time.

Before taking the photo, you must be sure that the subject knows they are being photographed, who is taking the photos, what they will be used for and who they will be shared with. You **MUST** get written permission to use images (See club waiver form). They also should be told who to contact if they do not want their images to be used.

The waiver must be signed **BEFORE** any photos are taken.

Legally you cannot take pictures of anyone under 13 years old without parental permission. To be in line with what OCTC defines as junior members, we require that a parent or guardian's signature is required for anyone under the age of 18.

There are many reasons why people may not want photos taken and published, such as avoiding a violent partner, the onus is on us as a club to make sure that only those who have given written permission can have their picture taken and used.



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