

NATIONAL RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date 26th July 2016 at 7:30PM EST – Teleconference

Present: Sue Temlett (President) Mike Shield (RRC Inc - NSW), Trish Stebbings (RRCV), Paula Aitchison (RRCSA), Cyndy Burton (RRCQ)

Apologies: Sarah Wheatley (RRCQ),

Previous Minutes: Minutes from AGM held on 12th April have been emailed to NRRC affiliated Clubs. Call to accept the previous minutes:

Moved Paula Aitchison (RRCSA) Seconded Mike Shield (RRC Inc – NSW) that they be recorded as a true record.

Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Judges' Training Package:

NRRC Secretary to set up a drop box so that the working group can upload any judge's breed lectures or similar information they have.

Progress so far:

Domain for NRRC has been set up by Cyndy Burton, and website has been carried across to it along with the RR Honour Roll. Website address is nrcaustralia.org

Issues regarding setting up a drop box for NRRC is still an issue as it links to IP address on computer so Cyndy can't set up a new drop box in addition to her own

Secretary proposed using Wiggio which is a free to use online toolkit that makes it easy to work on projects in groups.

Action arising: *NRRC delegates that have looked at it were happy to use this. Diane to email the State Nominated Breed Specialist judges so they can use this framework to share their Judges Training material (large file sizes) and to develop the National Training Package that can be listed on the NRRC website and sent to the Head of Judges Training in each State.*

2. Australian RR Booklet: decided to make the years 1996 through to 2016 and to publish in 2016 to be in line with National that year.

Secretary has contacted the ANKC to request data on Ridgeback Champions during this period. Response from ANKC that they are looking into our request.

Subsequent follow up email sent to ANKC on 16th Feb 2016, with following reply on 25th Feb that they acknowledge that NRRC has previously purchased the requested information however the whole issue of access to the information in our database is currently with the ANKC Ltd Board and will be discussed at their upcoming meeting in May. ANKC will advise once a decision has been resolved by the Board.

Progress So Far: *Awaiting response from ANKC after the board meet in May.*

Mike Shield & Sue Temlett to follow up with their contacts at NSW to see if they can speed this up. Sue hasn't seen anyone to be able to do this, nor has Mike. Diane noting that she has emailed the Secretary at ANKC (25th July) to follow up on this agenda item.

Action arising: *Awaiting response from ANKC after the board meet in May.*

3. Proposal for NRRC to conduct an anonymous breed survey made available directly to breeders and individuals via email and social media channels with results available to the International group and to all RR owners/breeders through the NRRC website.

Progress so far: Proposal has been put before member Clubs and AIF.

Discussion on previous breed surveys either by RRCUS or the ones that Vicki Moritz conducted. General consensus was that Clubs were in support of conducting a health

survey, but with the emphasis on anonymity to ensure the most comprehensive responses. Clearly more research will need to be done as there are many online, web-based programs that can handle this now whereby submission of information will be completely confidential and the data submitted can be reviewed and presented in meaningful ways.

Survey Monkey (as used by Linda Costa) was suggested as it is anonymous – Cyndy pointing out that it can be anonymous but depends how the person running the survey on it sets it up.

Sue Temlett offered to speak to Linda Costa about the survey she recently set up on Survey Monkey and report on suitability for NRRC. – noting that she did contact Linda but she wasn't willing to divulge any of this information regarding this until after RRWC.

Mike Shield also raising that Clubs would now need to start making comprehensive lists of questions that we would want to cover in the survey as these would need debating and collating to form the NRRC Breed Survey.

Action arising: *Cyndy Burton suggesting we contact RRCUS as they run a very comprehensive health survey and we could maybe use what they have already set up. Diane to make contact with them regarding this.*

4. Moved that NRRC put forward to ANKC a motion to standardize progeny classes across all states providing the options of Sire & Progeny / Dam & Progeny and Sire's Progeny / Dam's Progeny to cater for the increasing number of international and intrastate breedings. AIF – carried.

Progress so far:

Outcome of NBC held at Bulla on 13th June – motion was **CARRIED**.

It then went to ANKC Board Meeting in October 2015 (See ANKC Response below):

Standardising Progeny Classes

It was RESOLVED on the motion of C Glenn/V Tantaro that a recommendation is made for ANKC Ltd to standardise progeny classes across all State of Australia providing the options of Sire & Progeny/Dam & Progeny and Sire's Progeny/Dam's Progeny.

[ANKC Ltd Administrator : This recommendation was endorsed by the ANKC Ltd Board. This work is currently in progress whilst a review of State regulations for progeny classes is carried out.]

Action arising:

All NRRC State delegates to find out and advise where this motion is at with their State Controlling Body.

Qld noting that this motion is 'nowhere' in their State, despite their rules recently having had an overhaul.

Waiting for all other affiliated clubs to follow up with their State Controlling Body in regards to this.

5. New NRRC Website

Progress so far:

Cyndy advising that this has now been completed. Cyndy said that she has purchased the domain from Pappa. The website is up nrcaustralia.org and she is strongly advising that everyone have a look at it as it needs some updating to various sections and some amendments which need to be supplied by each of the States it refers to (for example history on SA states that they have only hosted 1 National Specialty). The Honour Roll has now been incorporated but again it is quite out of date since it hasn't been an active site since 2011. Health info has been extended by Cyndy. Each States website has been linked to it, and the states logos have been stolen to build these links (Cyndy noting that SA logo on their website doesn't 'steal' well). Cyndy also noting that there are huge discrepancies on each of the states websites for example codes of ethics, DS info etc so she asked for each of the delegates to take this back to their Clubs for review. Cyndy is happy to update/amend the information but needs to receive the updates from each of the states.

Paula Aitchison (RRCSA) has had a brief look at the website. Noticed National shows – 2010 still states RR National Show 2004, also noting her bitch missing from honour roll. DS stating that CB had asked for updated listing to update honour roll, but DS could find no list in handover information – had emailed Rosemary Green but she had replied to say she had checked and could find no details of this listing, or the relevant emails for application at

home. Paula has received certificate, so agreed for Paula to scan a copy and send it so that NRRC has a record. No other Clubs have reviewed as yet.

Action arising: *All NRRC delegates to take this back to their Committees to review the new NRRC website and propose updates/amendments to any relevant sections for their states.*

CB stating that particular areas to review are:

- *Health section – which has been expanded a lot (ensure that Clubs agree with information presented)*
- *Breed history for their State – these are largely out of date and require reviewing and rewriting by individual clubs to bring up to date.*

Also to review their own Club websites to which the NRRC links to ensure all information provided is up-to-date and correct.

6. Dissemination of NRRC Information

Discussion on the importance of passing the information down from NRRC Representatives, to the Club Committees and then into a regular report the Club membership so that the full Ridgeback membership across Australia can be kept aware of what is happening with the NRRC. It would also be hoped that by doing this the communication will be opened the other way for anyone wanting to approach their local breed clubs on things they would like to be tabled at NRRC meetings.

Progress so far: *Sue Temlett noting that NSW Secretary isn't receiving this information – needs to be sent to Eljam@netspace.net.au Diane to check but noting that she has been emailing to Secretary Email on the RRCLnc Website – showing as undeliverable due to permanent error – NSW Club to look into this.*

Action Arising: *It was agreed by the meeting that once the minutes have been circulated and ratified electronically then they are deemed to be true and correct and it would be suitable at that time for each Club delegate to prepare a brief summary of NRRC business for its membership via their Club newsletter. Also suggesting that if this will be the first time for members to find out about the NRRC, then a brief summary of what the NRRC is and what its purpose is (Cyndy has supplied this information on the homepage of the website) would be good along with link to the new NRRC website and a brief summary of things that the NRRC is currently working on.*

NSW Club to check email addresses on their website to ensure they are working.

Financial Statement:

Accounts Paid since last meeting:

- \$282.70 ANKC Affiliation Fee
- \$33.95 Auditors Gift
- \$32.52 Eureka Teleconferencing

Funds Received since last meeting:

- Interest to the NRRC Society Cheque Account \$0.06

Current Balance:

- As at 1 July 2016 \$2033.98

Account for Payment:

Pay RR Club of Victoria \$250 in support of the 2017 National Specialty Show they will be hosting.

Someone to propose we accept financial report and accounts for payment

Proposed Paula Aitchison

Seconded Trish Stebbings AIF Carried

Correspondence Inward:

- ANKC - Acceptable Colours
- ANKC – Administrator Change of Email Address

- Eureka Teleconferencing – Invoice
- ANKC – Cancellation of 2016 National Breed Council Meeting
- Cat Glenn – Query Australia Trophy for the National

Correspondence Out:

- Minutes of October meeting (sent out 21/10/15)
- Follow up email to ANKC – email requesting breed info from the ANKC database.
- Minutes of AGM (sent out 26/4/16)

Call for someone to propose we accept correspondence in and out
 Proposed Mike Shield Seconded Paula Aitchison AIF Carried

General Business

- ANKC Acceptable Colours
 See copy of ANKC email attached
 Prior to 1 January 2017, National Breed Councils or Breed Clubs will be invited so that they can nominate certain colours for their specific breeds not to be placed on the Main Register for health reasons and to provide evidence for their request.”
 All Secretaries are requested to seek electronic feedback from their affiliate clubs and forward to the ANKC Ltd Administrator a listing of what colours for their specific breed are not to be placed on the Main Register for **health reasons** and to provide evidence for this request by no later than **COB Wednesday, 12 October 2016**.
***Action Arising:** All NRRC Affiliated Clubs to place this item on their next Committee meeting agenda for discussion. All NRRC Affiliated Club Secretaries to email response to NRRC Secretary no later than **5th October 2016** to allow time for responses to be collated and emailed to ANKC as requested.*
- Discussion on Correspondence from Cat Glenn (RRC Victoria) regarding what NRRC ‘Rules’ exist regarding hosting of the National.
 General discussion noted Green & Gold Sashes were compulsory and NRRC logo must appear on the sashes, but no-one had heard of ‘Australia Trophy’ for BIS and made of wood that must be awarded – stating the trophies to be offered were left to hosting club to decide. Diane stating that she had been unable to find any ‘Rules’ regarding this, only the Constitution.
***Action Arising:** Mike Shield to check for records regarding these points.*

Other Business with the leave of the meeting

Paula Aitchison (RRCSA) asking if she could raise an item as she didn’t know where else to follow it up. Asking what had happened to the National DVD from the 2014 National hosted by QLD (She and Jana had put their names down for one). Cyndy Burton stated that she had resigned from her position in the club immediately after the National due to health reasons but at that time she had sat and reviewed the recorded footage with the company producing the DVD, fixed many errors in dogs names etc, and left the new incoming Secretary (Julie David) to follow up on this item with the Company. Cyndy stated the company had produced some, but they appeared to be prior to the editing that she had gone through with them, and when the first ones were handed out they appeared to ‘freeze’, so the decision was made to hold off making them available until this was resolved. Paula asking what further could be done – RRCQ or NRRC go after this company? Cyndy saying this was unlikely to happen.

***Action Arising:** Cyndy to work with Paula to send copy down on portable hard drive, or Paula to supply same so that she and Jana can see it. If the video worked then Paula and Jana would pay for it.*

Next Meeting Scheduled for: 16th November 7:30PM ESST

Meeting Closed: 08:54 EST