

# NATIONAL RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK COUNCIL

## AGM MINUTES

**Date 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7:30PM EST – Teleconference**

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

**Apologies:** Nil

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October have been emailed to NRRC affiliated Clubs. Call to accept the previous minutes:

Moved Sarah Wheatley (RRCQ) Seconded Sue Temlett (Pres) 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 dropbox for NRRC is still an issue as it links to IP address on computer so Cyndy can't set up a new dropbox 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:** *Secretary to email NRRC delegates the link to the Wiggio introduction so they can see if they agree with this proposal for the State Nominated Breed Specialist judges to 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.*

*The link for all delegates to view this online toolkit is as follows:*

<http://wiggio.com/about.html?cid=>

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.

**Progress so far:** Secretary has contacted the ANKC to request data on Ridgeback Champions during this period. This will then be used as a starting point to sort the champions by state and work on from there. Response from ANKC that they are looking into our request.

Subsequent follow up email sent to ANKC on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016, with following reply on 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Action arising:** *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.*

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.

**Action arising:**

*Sue Temlett offered to speak to Linda Costa about the survey she recently set up on Survey Monkey and report on suitability for NRRC.*

*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.*

4. Moved that NRRC put forward to the Breed Council a motion to allow neutered entries to compete in Property and Special Classes (i.e. Brace and Progeny) at Breed Specialty shows. Qld and Vic vote aye, NSW vote nay – motion carried.

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):

Neuter Entries – Property and Special Classes

It was RESOLVED on the motion of C Glenn/C Stirling that a recommendation is made for ANKC Ltd to allow neutered entries to compete in Property and Special Classes (i.e. Brace and Progeny) at Breed Specialty shows.

**[ANKC Ltd Administrator : This recommendation was endorsed by the ANKC Ltd Board. Regulation Part 5 has been amended and is available from the ANKC Ltd website.]**

**Action arising: COMPLETE**

5. 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.**

6. NRRC Website access

NRRC Secretary to contact Dawn Redman and request provision of access requirements to the NRRC site (<http://austnrrc.webnode.com/>) to enable updates and expansion of the site by current NRRC executive.

**Progress so far:**

Secretary has contacted Dawn regarding this. The current NRRC website is being hosted by Dawn's web provider. Dawn is happy to provide her password to Cyndy for a couple of days once a domain and webhost has been set up. This will allow Cyndy to take the information for the NRRC website. Once this is complete, Dawn will then change the password to maintain security on her personal account.

Cyndy Burton (Qld) raised issue that the NRRC can afford, and should have, a paid site and those committee officials i.e. President and Secretary need to be provided passwords.

Qld move that NRRC establish nrrc.org.au as a website through Hound hosting at a cost not to exceed \$50/year.

NRRC Delegates to put this motion to their committees to vote.

Sarah Wheatley noting that RRCQ put forward the motion and therefore passed it at this at their meeting. Trish Stebbings stating she had emailed committee and only a couple of replies. Sue Temlett not received anything formal from NSW and Paula Aitchison for SA only just back on NRRC so will raise at upcoming RRCSA meeting.

All clubs voted in support of this item. Cyndy has purchased a domain and webhosting for the NRRC. Next step will be to arrange for Dawn's password so the info from current NRRC website can be carried across and to set up NRRC drop box so that Judges Training Package (item 1) can be progressed.

*Cyndy advising that this has now been completed. Cyndy said that she has purchased the domain from Pappa. The website is up nrrcaustralia.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/ammend the information but needs to receive the updates from each of the states.*

**Action arising:** *All NRRC delegates to take this back to their Committees to review the new NRRC website and propose updates/ammendments to any relevant sections for their states. Also to review their own Club websites to which the NRRC links to ensure all information provided is up-to-date and correct.*

**Financial Statement:**

**Accounts Paid since last meeting:**

- \$6.90 postage
- \$74.90 Cyndy Burton reimbursement for NRRC Webhosting & Domain
- \$28.47 Eureka Teleconferencing

**Funds Received since last meeting:**

- Interest to the NRRC Society Cheque Account \$0.12

**Current Balance:**

- As at 7 April 2016 \$2383.09

**Account for Payment:**

Someone to propose we accept financial report and accounts for payment

Proposed Sue Temlett

Seconded Sarah Wheatley

AIF - carried

NB at the time of this AGM agenda the Auditor's gift (up to the sum of \$50) is still to be purchased.

**Correspondence Inward:**

- Response from RRCQ and RRCVic confirming October Minutes true and correct.
- Email from RRCSA to all clubs and delegates re Breed book to contain all dogs with titles or just conformation. Response from Qld saying agree. No other responses received.
- Emails from Cyndy re purchase of domain and hosting.
- Eureka Teleconferencing – Invoice
- Email from ANKC regarding confirmation of delegates as follows: At the recently held ANKC Ltd Board meeting the Directors resolved that confirmation of delegates or notification of any alteration to delegates to attend National Breed Council Conferences must be received by the ANKC Ltd Administrator on the relevant National Breed Council letterhead. This means that any person/s who has not been confirmed by a National Breed Council will not be permitted to attend the meeting. We thank you for your future cooperation in this instance.
- Email from Dogs Victoria regarding confirmation of National dates 17-19 March 2017 have been approved by ANKC.
- Email from Sue offering Eric's services for help with developing 'plain English' powerpoint presentation of judges training package once material has been agreed on.
- Email from Cyndy re Paypal dispute regarding NRRC domain.
- Mailed letter from ANKC confirming approval has been given for the RRCV to conduct a National Show and Obedience & Rally Obedience Trials Open to Group 4 on 17-19 March 2017 (dated 1 December 2015)
- Dogs Victoria – email with attached written letter of approval (dated 14 December 2015) for National dates 17-19<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Email from Cyndy – re resolution of Paypal dispute.
- Email from David Hill re happy to audit NRRC books for year ending Dec 2015
- ANKC – notice of affiliation fees due.
- Notice of NBC Meeting (see attachment)
- ANKC Update of NBC Council Conference from 2015 (see attached email and attachments)
- ANKC Notations of Pedigrees- genetic status (see attached email)
- Response from ANKC re request for Breed information from ANKC Database
- ANKC follow up regarding lack of response re Notations of Pedigrees- genetic status
- Reminder from ANKC re upcoming NBC
- Reminder from ANKC re Affiliation fees due

*Paula raised question of email to everyone asking whether all champions/titles would be included in the book of Champions. Only reply was Qld with no issue – stating can be same as Honour Roll as most disciplines are on there. All agreed, all titled dogs.*

*RRCInc also confirming National dates 17/19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and stating they will be cancelling their Easter show for 2017 to support the National show.*

**Correspondence Out:**

- Minutes of October meeting (sent out 21/10/15)
- Follow up email to ANKC – email requesting breed info from the ANKC database.
- Notice of 2016 AGM
- Reply to ANKC regarding request of breed info from the ANKC database

Call for someone to propose we accept correspondence in and out

Proposed Sarah Wheatley

Seconded Paula Aitchison

AIF - carried

**General Business**

- **NRRC Delegate Required for RRCInc**  
 Since Sue Temlett is currently in the role of President, a NRRC Representative is required as per the constitution for the RRClub Inc.  
**Action arising:** *This will be tabled at the next RRCI meeting in November. Sue Temlett advising that this may be decided before the meeting but either way, she will provide the details to the NRRC ASAP.*  
*Sue notified that Mike Shield has been appointed NRRC rep for NSW*  
**COMPLETED**
- **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:** Paula Aitchison asking if it would be OK to publish NRRC minutes in Club Newsletter, Diane Stratton replying that RRCV used to do similar with their committee meeting minutes, so could be an option, but suggesting that since NRRC minutes have many ongoing items with info being taken off and new info being added to topics as they progress, that perhaps a brief summary from NRRC delegates might be a better option to pass on this information to Club members.  
*Agreed action: All NRRC delegates to ensure that any business arising from these meetings are tabled for upcoming state club meetings so that items can be voted on and responses can be provided to NRRC in a timely manner. Also to provide a summary of NRRC business in their Club Newsletters so this information can be passed on to all Club members in all states.- General discussion that this is still not happening as some States are waiting for NRRC to supply this breakdown of information for their newsletter.*  
**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.*
- **NRRC Banking Contacts**  
 Follow up on whether banking signatory successfully transferred from Cyndy Burton to Sue Temlett.  
 Sue Temlett apologized that she has held back on doing this as she wasn't sure if her President position would pass onto Trish in Victoria as they are to be holding the next National show. Diane Stratton reiterating that this query about current President role to be held by RRCI was covered off at the AGM back in April. A motion was put forward by Qld that was passed at the AGM relating to this. Basically this motion was made to bring the operation of the NRRC back in line with its Constitution as this states that the Presidency is to change on a biannual basis, the only change being the proposal for this rotation to occur in a clockwise direction passing from Qld to NSW etc for simplicity. This motion was passed at the April AGM.  
*Sue Temlett to take CBA paperwork along with AGM minutes and 100 point ID to CBA to get these changes made to the NRRC Society account.*  
**Action arising: COMPLETE**

#### **Other Business with the leave of the meeting**

- Sue Temlett raising that there is a thread on Facebook where In-Coelum Perdigao has been saying that Australian Judges are terrible and corrupt. Sue asking if NRRC can write a letter to FCI or Country (Brazil) controlling body. Sarah Wheatley stating that it doesn't need to

come from NRRC, anyone can lodge a complaint against a judge. Diane Stratton stating that if NRRC is to write a letter to FCI or equivalent then a motion would need to be put forward by one of the affiliated clubs, to be placed on agenda and voted by all clubs before further action can be taken.

**Action arising: COMPLETE**

- Paula Aitchison stating that she had recently spoken to Sandra Taylor at WC show and discussed that the RRCSA was rejoining the NRRC and saying it would be good for all clubs to be back in. Paula going on to say that Sandra had said the WA Club were of the opinion that unless the NRRC started doing what the Club was designed and set up to do, then they would not be a part of it. Diane Stratton stating that NRRC is not a Club it is a Council and is therefore not an entity in its own right, more a vehicle for which affiliated state clubs can work together to promote and develop the breed and to provide a means to progress items though to the ANKC where required. All of this relies for the most part on the input of all the affiliated clubs to address business arising and put forward recommendations in the way of motions so that these goals may be progressed.

**Action arising: COMPLETE**

- Paula Aitchison saying that she will discuss Rob Surman remaining the SA person to work on the Judges training package with the SA committee, but expects this to remain the same as he is their Club patron.

**Action arising: COMPLETE**

**Next Meeting Scheduled for:** 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 7:30pm EST

**Meeting Closed:** 8:20pm