



Queensland Cavy Council AGM Meeting 15th June 2019

Meeting opened at 10.40am

Apologies: Stephen Robson, Jen Ballin

Attendance: Club delegates Peter Wright, Gordon Plain, Julia Millet, Lynn Henry, Emma Murphy, Anne & Lily Clelland.

Committee members: Donna Wright, Peter Wright Gordon Plain Kathryn McKay, Melanie Barnes.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting, accepted as read. Moved Gordon. Seconded Lynn,

2. Business arising from last meeting. New printer for QCC, Peter advised the new printer was purchased and working well. Peter suggested AGM to be held in February, all agreed. Melanie suggested that be changed in the constitution so as we all aware. Online meeting in future also suggested.

3. Correspondence.

From 3 clubs' nominations for this meeting. Ipswich wanted further information on new membership applications, regarding those people who just join to create a stud registration with no active club membership. Suggested all clubs follow the rule that new members (that were not a returning member or person from another club) only be allowed to join in person at a club show and not via online applications. Discussion moves to new/general business, Accepted Julia, seconded Anne.

4. State Proposals ANCC delegates meeting...discussion.

No proposals have been sent from the ANCC, these are not sent until 30th June, and no proposals received from QCC clubs. There was a mention of one proposal put forward by WA on the ANCC FB page regarding rules at the shows, and behaviour of members, Kathryn queried why the ANCC National show could not discipline individual members, Discipline was normally sent back to individual clubs, Kathryn noted that COBs had rules on discipline in their constitution but not all clubs did. Peter agreed that all clubs needed to have something in place, we had a short discussion but will have to defer it until the official agenda is sent out.

5. Committee reports

President: been a relatively quiet year, Melanie and I are still working on the constitution, I would like to discuss perhaps in general business the insolvency and membership numbers of some clubs, and whether some of the smaller club warrant to be affiliated. It had come to my attention that one club only had one financial member that paid an affiliation fee. This issue needs to be discussed.

Would like to thank my fellow committee members for the work that they do, and the hard work that is done by the clubs in getting new members and new people interested in fancy.

Accepted Julia, seconded Emma.

Secretary: Everything is running smoothly, just to remind clubs that it the secretary of the club where matters concerning members, or their club be sent to their club secretary. Who then passes it on to their club committee for action, if a club cannot resolve their issue, then the matter can be passed on to the QCC again sent to the Secretary who will refer it to the QCC Committee. I would also like to remind, members that what happens at club meetings and committee meetings is the business of the club and should stay within the club and not be discussed openly on public forums. Committee need to act responsibly and professionally.

Report accepted: Lyn seconded, Anne.

Show secretary: The QCC QCC has been a well patronised show the attendance and entries have been consistent, so it seems to have been a success and a good idea to have second State Show 6 month's apart, accolades to Melanie for suggesting it. It has been well received by the members. Though we are yet to receive entries from Interstate we are getting good entry numbers from our Queensland exhibitor's. The Christmas show is booked for Sunday the 8th December two judges are Sarina Etherington and Emily Vince who are both confirmed.

The 2020 State titles I have heard that interstate exhibitors are keen to come, a few from WA have indicated they would like to attend, saying it is easier to attend the Qld State titles than to attend the national. This year the buffet lunch was excellent and thanks to Donna and Lynn and will be having this buffet style lunch for future shows. Next year hall is again booked for a Sunday, I have 2 judges booked from the UK, I will name them at the Christmas, expenses will be shared with NZ who will be having them judge a NZ show and then coming to Australia to Judge our Qld State Titles, I have stipulated they don't Judge at another Australian show as we are wanting them as a drawcard for the State Show.

It might seem as though I have spent a bit a money, that will come out in the treasures report, but I have made purchases for the Christmas show in advance while special deals where on.

Report accepted: Anne, seconded Lyn

Treasurer:

Donna submitted a balance sheet of expenses and income. (Attached) someone had accidentally deposited \$200 in the account, but it was removed again. For all up over the year it was a loss of \$700. QCC December show run at a loss because of the canteen, which had failed, only \$12 was raised. This happened due to no food being organised and poor communication of that. Donna said even though there were losses we still had \$4299.00 In the bank. This year's show awards are already purchased so there will be less expenses. Emily Vince and Sarina are booked for this year.

Accepted Anne, seconded Julia

Web Master: Kathryn indicated she had updated the website just before the State Titles, but there was now more to do. Jo Collins as publicity officer would like to see a gallery added of different breed pictures and groups. Kathryn agreed and would look into setting up a gallery on the page.

Report accepted: Lyn, seconded Gordon.

Judges panel: Peter: Currently there are no Queensland trainees, with Daryl Ipsen resigning, Tracie Painter moving, and both are no longer involved in cavies.

Mel is getting in touch with Cory (NJP) in regard to the system for a person wanting to become a trainee, as the Qld judge's panel is unsure of the new system. Peter said he thought if people wanted to apply, they need to apply to the NJP. This needs to be confirmed. Peter said judges training was still done by the state Judges, with the occasional excursion interstate for exams, Like Michelle Parker had to do when she came to Bayside. It was also discussed that Bayside committee had not been informed that they needed to pay for Michelle until she asked to be reimbursed, Melanie thought we only need to pay half the fare. Donna said they had not been given any instruction on it.

Michelle has also asked for the airport parking; we discussed that all expenses need to be clarified before an agreement to take on a trainee exam or indeed any interstate judge.

6. Election of office bearers

3 clubs Ipswich, Capricornia, and Sunshine Coast

had agreed to re-elect the current existing committee if they wished to stand. President: Peter Wright

Vice President: Kathryn McKay

Secretary: Melanie Barnes

Treasurer: Donna Wright

Show Secretary: Peter Wright

Assistant Show Secretary: Donna Wright

Show Steward: Gordon Plain

Publicity Officer: Jo Collins

Web Master: Kathryn McKay,

All re – elected, all agreed.

7. Election of ANCC ADM delegates for Qld.

Peter Wright, Jen Ballin have been nominated

Elected unopposed.

Mel said her and Donna would also be there due to being on the ANCC Committee.

Lynn would like to be an observer, notice will be sent out to the members if anyone else want to be an observer at the ANCC ADM, which is on Thursday at 5pm. Notice will need to be sent to the ANCC for anyone who wants to be an observer.

8. General Business.

8.1) Revision of Championships points, was submitted by Peter, he said that over the last 12 months not many applications for champions had come in, the concerns from people that the championship was hard to attain, and also the system was a little confusing. So, this new system to try and make it a little simpler for people to understand. Peter said he wants to make the QCC Championship that all exhibitors wish to attain rather than the Club Champion certificate. Peter has created base points, 2 for Best of Breed, 2 more points for Best of Group, and so on the points accumulate. ALL Specialty shows will now be half those base points whereas in the past there was multiple different points. It was asked if the show was only a specialty with no main show. Discussion and amendments were made, A copy will be sent to all clubs, for discussion and voting. Kathryn asked about the not being allowed more than 2 shows to be claimed per month. If an animal is good enough it will get a championship. Peter added the points are to be awarded by 4 different judges, amended to all shows points can be claimed. Peter proposed that this is to be taken back to all clubs for discussion. All agreed.

Certificates: Kathryn mentioned it may be better to laminate the certificates which would make them longer lasting and durable in the mail, and perhaps laminated and printed easier and cheaper, than thick card. Peter thought it was a good idea, and that laminators were fairly cheap to buy and use paper rather than card. Kathryn also asked if there was a way, we could create a folder/ template or easy way for the members to keep their points tally to keep a record of the points themselves. That way members would know when to send the championship in. Peter said it would be up to members to keep these records themselves. Kathryn did ask what evidence was acceptable to be submitted, Peter said that cards could be sent and will be returned or a good quality scan of the cards/certificates. Good quality scans should be saved as pdf. Phone photos are not acceptable as they are large files and often cannot be downloaded.

Kathryn also asked about what happens when animal changed hands, Peter said the animal would retain their awards and points as the animal wins the points not the owner. Show results or cards can be used as evidence. Peter can check show results.

8.2) trophies/awards 2020 State titles

- Peter has proposed that he would like for the state Titles show to award the best in show to 4 placing. – Best in Show, Reserve in Show, 3rd Best in show, 4th Best in show. Not to be encouraged for club shows, just bigger major shows.

All Agreed. Motion passed

Peter added would we then wish to give perpetual awards for these as well. After discussion it was decided not to add any more perpetual.

- Regional Awards – these came about after the pet expo show was dropped and there was a lot of perpetual trophies left over. Initially the idea was to encourage more exhibitors for further afield, as different people held the position of show secretary the points system was altered and/or miss calculated and it became too difficult to know how to award these trophies, there are currently a few perpetual trophies for the State Titles for regional exhibitor awards, these have caused controversy as there was no documented scoring system. Peter suggested they be done away with and the trophies that are still in good condition to be used for the Christmas show. Kathryn suggested that if they are so old, they should not be re used. All agreed to stop the awards.

8.3) Ingham Show

It was brought to the attention of the QCC that there was a cavy show being held at the Ingham Show, this show is not being run by an affiliated club but is being judged by an ANCC Judge. The organisers of this show have not asked permission to use the ANCC standards for Exhibition cavies, so therefore should not be judging cavies by these standards which are copy write to the ANCC. A statement will be made on the QCC website and face book page informing all exhibitors that any awards won at any show that is not run by an affiliated ANCC Club will not be recognised by the QCC and will not be eligible for QCC Championship points.

8.4) Best OF Breed

The secretary noted that the show results and also the award cards from the QCC shows had Best IN Breed written on them, the correct term is Best OF Breed.

8.5) process for new members- it was discussed at the last AGM, that it was recommended that all clubs ONLY accept a new membership in person at a club show. New memberships should only be accepted from people who are prepared to be active in the club and come along to clubs shows. Online memberships should only be available for RENEWAL of existing members. Kathryn suggested that clubs remove their membership forms from websites and face books pages to stop new people downloading forms.

The rational was to discourage people from just joining just to register a stud, without intention to show or be active club member.

It was also discussed and recommended to use the exhibitor's name, rather than the stud name when doing show entries and results, this also is to stop the confusion of new exhibitors thinking they must register a stud in order to be able to exhibit cavies.

8.6) meeting with RSPCA – Kathryn

Kathryn had been approached by the RSPCA to be involved in a meeting along with some other people, Julia and Kathryn the meeting was resulting after 200 cavies were rescued from a property in SE Qld.

The animals were in good condition, but the cages were inadequate and dirty. The cages were made by Funky cavies and the RSPCA said they were not adequate.

The RSPCA had been trolling all the Facebook sites and gumtree adds looking at who is selling cavies. They are calling it the cavy welfare challenge, there is a vet appointed who is very extreme in cavy keeping ideals but did not have basic knowledge on sexing of cavies.

The RSPCA are wanting to put in rules that covies are fed certain food, kept in certain size cages they also want to ban the sale of covies off gumtree and only have animals adopted. Kathryn has sent them a whole lot of care information as they want to have informed care information available.

There were a number of issues they were raising, including satin breeds, inbreeding and keeping more than 50 animals. There were many accusations that breeders were not breeding correctly, not feeding correctly; most of this seems more relevant to non-show breeders. These meetings were to be held every 2 months. Kathryn warned that clubs need to be careful what is put on our public pages when it comes to cavy welfare, and that members need to be careful on advertising their husbandry techniques. We all thanked Kathryn and Julia for attending. A more detailed report will be sent by Kathryn.

8.7 Clubs criteria to remain affiliated:

There are clubs that are no longer active, in that they are no longer holding shows. Do we want to introduce a rule for minimum shows per year? Or what criteria to remain a QCC affiliated club. The QCC insurance is worked on how many clubs, and we don't want to be weighed down by clubs that are closed.

Peter said the Mackay club was mainly of concern.

Kathryn mentioned that the club's constitution should state how many members were minimum before a club was to fold, the QCC should have constitutions on file for these clubs. Mel said that we did not, the North Qld no one had a copy.

Cairns was still holding at least one show a year. Peter said part of being affiliated was to hold at least one show a year and be active.

Mel to contact the clubs and ask for membership lists and the shows that were held.

Meeting closed 1.20pm.