

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of:**

### **The South Island German Shepherd Dog League 14/7/2021**

#### **Place of meeting - SIGSL Clubrooms**

**Time - 6.30pm**

**Present** - Andy Connor, Giuliana Petronelli, Liz Wilkinson, Katrina Prendergast, Maureen Toland, Deb Bannan, Sandra Van Kempen, Lea Connor, Jane Dalzell, Blue Gardner, Ania Malecka, Wayne Middleton, Marianne Middleton, Rosie Petronelli, Simon Rayner.

Lynette Baker, Phil Baker, Barry Black, Ani Black, Kirsty Brennan, Natasha Connor, Tyler Courtney, Kevin Dawber, Jon Field, Amy Field, Tim Fine, Tony Gibson, Simon Gooding, Sarah Herron, Helen Hill, Sophie Hooper, Michael MacDonald, Josh Mannering, Bruce Mayhew, Judy Mayhew, Sam Maxwell, Joseph Poulter, Dana Van Den Broek, John Walsh, Karen Wilson, Vinnie Wiremu.

**Apologies** – Gavin Black, Carol Black, Martin Brennan, Stephen Brown-Thomas, Carol Dayman, Christine Eastgate, Annette Gibson, Les Marriott, Lesley Marriott, Allan McKernan, Barbara McKernan, Debbie Renga, AJ Renga, Peter Van Kempen, Tracey Walsh, Abe Zarour.

*Moved by - Blue*

*Seconded - Wayne*

*Carried*

#### **Matters arising from minutes:**

NIL

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and accepted.

*Moved by - Sandra*

*Seconded - Wayne*

*Carried*

#### **Presidents Report:**

With pleasure I submit my Presidents Report for the previous Club year, and like the last one, 2020/2021 has presented Covid again to us, not with lockdowns but with other conditions that have had to be endured for all our own health and safety. We are not going to get rid of this problem, so we must learn to keep adapting and be ever so mindful of our situation and surroundings.

On brighter notes, we got back to running our shows as did the majority of the Country. The shows were well down on numbers but with Covid reigning, we did the best we could with what we had available and again, the Queen's Birthday Triples were for me a highlight. Not even a ton of rain, closed roads and the Ashburton River Bridge buckled could not detour our show from proceeding. Great to catch up with friends from the south all talking about dogs!!

Biggest changes were the inability to secure and bring to NZ, foreign judges. This meant our home-grown ladies and gent judges were hammered by clubs wanting to use their fine skills at shows, but what it created was potential burnout.

DogsNZ needed to look at changes, and the great change was the introduction of Peer Judges from within our own breeds' ranks. To be allowed as a Peer Judge, there is criteria as set by DogsNZ and it must be met. For our breed and on our grounds, we have had two this year, Lenore Halliwell for the

Club's April 2021 show and our own John Walsh for Queen's Birthday Triples as OGSDC Peer Judge. The show attendees all agreed that both did an excellent job once the nerves settled!! I also think they did well and I believe the scheme is a tremendous way in which to introduce skilled breeders into the judging world. I hope it continues and DogsNZ follow up with a plan to further train these Peer Judges.

We also had at our shows, our Agility and Obedience members strutting their stuff with their dogs that have been trained in house with the Training team led by Blue Gardner and Giuliana Petronelli. Training is every Wednesday night at 6.00pm and Sunday mornings at 8.30am at the Club grounds. Each time we have a show we do our best to get members to enter their dogs as the dogs love the courses and running, not sure on all the handlers though!! The Club has purchased a lot of new training gear for the team this year and also replaced the old flood lights with new, very bright, LED lights that are amazing. Numbers coming to training have increased and we now have awesome numbers in all three disciplines the Club has, Show Ring, Agility and Obedience.

Changes are a constant within the Dog world, and DogsNZ are very keen to have our Breed adopt a scheme, outlined in my report last year. The scheme is called LRL, Litter Registration Limitations, and it has been adopted by the Rottweiler Group and Labrador breeds and I recently think the Pug breed. The idea is to have all pups born, after a date yet to be set, to come from Sire and Dam that both have had a set of health checks done prior to breeding. DogsNZ will not accept registration from breeders if the checks have not been done. The health checks will be set by the breed, so we have the control to change the tests but once we are committed to the scheme, we cannot pull out. What is the benefit? We will have pups that come from healthy parents and backed by DogsNZ if a problem arises. Who will have the final say on if we accept the scheme? You will if your dog is registered with DogsNZ. They will be contacting every registered GSD owner for their support of the LRL. We need to get a 75% agreement from respondents to proceed. If you want more info on the scheme, please see me and I will send what we have available.

The German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council have had meetings in our Club this year and have also gone through a few changes with schemes etc., such as the LRL and also the introduction of the ZAP scheme, which will be explained in due time this year. SIGSL have done our best to be available to the council.

From one of our members, a 13 Year Club has been started. If you have a dog that has reached this magical age, you qualify for mention and also a certificate of congratulations for you and your K9 partner. Please contact the Club to join and thank you Blackash Kennels, Barry and Annie Black.

**We have lost members this year through their passing.**

And now the thank-yous!!

Petware through Nutrience. Four (4) years they have supported our shows including being Principal Sponsor for the GSD Nationals in 2019. They have been amazing to talk with and never let us down, in fact have helped more than we asked for. We have had the pleasure of their Rep at each show for the past two years, thanks Kim. Without this support, shows and attracting entries would be tough. Huge thank you.

To my Committee of 2020/2021, heaps of thanks. They have contributed to their Club and the success of the Club is apparent due to their work. Your Secretary, Katrina Prendergast and Treasurer Maureen

Toland get a special mention as for me, they have done more than asked. I don't usually do "special mentions", so you see how I value them, as I do all of the Committee.

Regards  
Andy Connor  
President.

Moved that the Presidents Report be taken as read and accepted.

*Moved – Andy*

*Seconded – Tarsh*

*Carried*

**Financial Report:**

Copies of 2021 Financial Statements done by Zane Colville at Taxation and Accounting Services has been sent to all Club Members to view. Some copies also printed for view at the meeting. Copy attached. Maureen provided a breakdown of fund-raising funds for 2020-2021. Although the Club is in a good financial position, the fundraising for the year has not been as hectic:

Nutrience – Nov Show Sponsorship **	\$10,000.00
Grant – Pub Charity	\$ 3,616.75
Donations	\$ 1,315.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 1,178.30
Catering (Nov Show)	\$ 242.40
Raffle	\$ 222.00
Show Sponsorship	\$ 45.00
Beanies	\$ 30.00
Market Place	\$ 20.00

\*\* Note: For each Show, Nutrience provide in the region of approx. \$10-\$12,000.00 worth of product!!

A great Team effort was made by all!!

Maureen presented 1 invoice for payment:

Quality Presentations – AGM Sashes \$49.73

*Moved by - Blue*

*Seconded - Simon*

*Carried*

**Matters arising from Financial Report:**

Increase in Revenue to note - \$9,011.00.

Training Fees introduced - \$3,930.00.

Great help and appreciation with our November Judge, Bruce Anderson and his wife Faye, not charging for their flights and accommodation. They paid for the flights and Club Member, Joan Evans, accommodated them at her residence – BIG THANK YOU to Joan and husband Darron!!!

Due to Covid-19 with borders being shut, there were very little expenses with having no overseas Judges. Local Judges were also generous with being able to stay locally with friends.

*Moved by - Maureen*

*Seconded - Blue*

*Carried*

## **Election of Officers**

### **Nominations for: President**

Andy Connor	<i>Nominated by – Maureen Toland</i>	<i>Seconded – Helen Hill</i>
Giuliana Petronelli	<i>Nominated by – Wayne Middleton</i>	<i>Seconded – Dana Van Den Broek</i>
Nominations be closed	<i>Moved by - Tony Gibson</i>	<i>Seconded - Tarsh Connor</i>

A secret ballot was undertaken with Bruce and Judy Mayhew as scrutineers, as appointed by the members present.

The successful vote was ***Giuliana Petronelli as President for the 2021/2022 Year.***

Bruce moved that the votes be destroyed	<i>Seconded - Wayne</i>
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### **Vice President**

Andy Connor	<i>Nominated by – Tony Gibson</i>	<i>Seconded – Bruce Mayhew</i>
Liz Wilkinson	<i>Nominated by – Katrina Prendergast</i>	<i>Seconded – Tony Gibson</i>
Nominations be closed	<i>Moved by - Tarsh Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Tony Gibson</i>

### **Secretary**

Katrina Prendergast	<i>Nominated by – Blue Gardner</i>	<i>Seconded - Tarsh Connor</i>
Nominations be closed	<i>Moved by – Blue Gardner</i>	<i>Seconded - Tarsh Connor</i>

### **Treasurer**

Maureen Toland	<i>Nominated by – Katrina Prendergast</i>	<i>Seconded- Giuliana Petronelli</i>
Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by – Tony Gibson</i>	<i>Seconded – Blue Gardner</i>

### **Show Secretary**

Deb Bannan	<i>Nominated by – Katrina Prendergast</i>	<i>Seconded – Sandra Van Kempen</i>
Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by – Tarsh Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Barry Black</i>

### **Club Captain**

Sandra Van Kempen	<i>Nominated by - Lea Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Simon Rayner</i>
Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by – Tarsh Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Katrina Prendergast</i>

### **Committee**

Barry Black	<i>Nominated by – Tony Gibson</i>	<i>Seconded – Tarsh Connor</i>
Ani Black	<i>Nominated by – Andy Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Tarsh Connor</i>
Rosie Petronelli	<i>Nominated by – Sandra Van Kempen</i>	<i>Seconded – Deb Bannan</i>
Simon Rayner	<i>Nominated by – Ania Malecka</i>	<i>Seconded – Sam Maxwell</i>
Lynette Baker	<i>Nominated by - Tarsh Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Tony Gibson</i>
Jane Dalzell	<i>Nominated by - Sandra Van Kempen</i>	<i>Seconded – Wayne Middleton</i>
Ania Malecka	<i>Nominated by - Sandra Van Kempen</i>	<i>Seconded – Simon Rayner</i>

Blue Gardner	<i>Nominated by – Maureen Toland</i>	<i>Seconded – Deb Bannan</i>
Wayne Middleton	<i>Nominated by – Rosie Petronelli</i>	<i>Seconded – Simon Rayner</i>
Tarsh Connor	<i>Nominated by – Tony Gibson</i>	<i>Seconded – Tony Gibson</i>
Dana Van Den Broek	<i>Nominated by – Rosie Petronelli</i>	<i>Seconded – Ania Malecka</i>

Although Wayne was nominated before Blue, it is written in the constitution only eight (8) people can be on the Committee. Wayne elected for Blue to be Committee member number eight (8), therefore, Wayne, Tarsh and Dana are co-opted onto Committee.

Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by - Tony Gibson</i>	<i>Seconded – Simon Rayner</i>
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#### **Patron**

Bruce Mayhew	<i>Nominated by – Katrina Prendergast</i>	<i>Seconded – Helen Hill</i>
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#### **GSDAC Club Delegate**

Deb Bannan**	<i>Nominated by – Deb Bannan</i>	<i>Seconded – Maureen Toland</i>
Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by – Tony Gibson</i>	<i>Seconded – Barry Black</i>

\*\* Note: Deb volunteered herself for this position as no actual nomination was put forward.

#### **Honorary Vet**

K9HQ Vet Services	<i>Nominated by – Deb Bannan</i>	<i>Seconded – Tarsh Connor</i>
Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by – Katrina Prendergast</i>	<i>Seconded – Barry Black</i>

#### **Honorary Auditor**

Zane Colville	<i>Nominated by – Maureen Toland</i>	<i>Seconded – Giuliana Petronelli</i>
Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by – Katrina Prendergast</i>	<i>Seconded – Tarsh Connor</i>

#### **Honorary Solicitor**

Christine Eastgate	<i>Nominated by – Maureen Toland</i>	<i>Seconded – Katrina Prendergast</i>
Nominations to be closed	<i>Moved by – Tarsh Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Wayne Middleton</i>

#### **Honorary Members**

Duguld Thomas	<i>Nominated by – Maureen Toland</i>	<i>Seconded – Katrina Prendergast</i>
Darron Willett	<i>Nominated by - Maureen Toland</i>	<i>Seconded – Sandra Van Kempen</i>
Jo Townsend	<i>Nominated by – Liz Wilkinson</i>	<i>Seconded – Barry Black</i>
Xander Flanagan	<i>Nominated by – Deb Bannan</i>	<i>Seconded – Dana Van Den Broek</i>
Nominations be closed	<i>Moved by – Tarsh Connor</i>	<i>Seconded – Barry Black</i>

## Life Membership

Life Membership Certificate awarded and presented to **DEB BANNAN**.

Congratulations Deb!! For all the years you have put in, not only to SIGSL as a Club, but to the dedication of The German Shepherd Dog - we THANK YOU!!!

## End of Year Awards

Presentation of the End of Year awards were given out by Andy Connor.

## General Business

- On behalf of the GSDAC, Barry Black and Tony Gibson initiated to the “13 Year Club” and presented a certificate to:
  - “Ellie Vom Eigerwand” – Owned by Jane Dalzell.
- Notices of Motion to be passed.
  - Notice of Motion 1  
*Currently* the Constitution of the South Island German Shepherd League Paragraph 10 – Election of Delegate to GSDAC (INC) sub paragraph (a) reads:

“At the special general meeting held before the end of April each year a Delegate will be elected to represent the SIGSL on the German Shepherd Advisory Council (inc)”.

*Proposed change* to the wording as follows:

“At the AGM meeting held each year a Delegate will be elected to represent the SIGSL on the German Shepherd Advisory Council (inc)”.

*Moved – Tony Gibson                      Seconded – Tarsh Connor                      Carried*

- Notice of Motion 2  
*Currently* the Constitution of the South Island German Shepherd League Paragraph 14 – Annual General Meeting – sub paragraph (a) reads:

“The Annual General Meeting of SIGSL shall be held no later than the first day of August in any year, in Christchurch. Members shall be advised of the date set for the AGM at least eight (8) weeks in advance”.

*Proposed change* to wording as follows:

“The Annual General Meeting of SIGSL shall be held no later than the first day of August in any year, in Christchurch. Members shall be advised of the date set for the AGM at least four (4) weeks in advance”.

*Moved – Maureen Toland                      Seconded – Simon Rayner                      Carried*

- Andy read an email received from Kim Swarbrick, Parks Recreation Planner of the Christchurch City Council, regarding the upcoming Proposed Lease Renewal for the Halswell Pony Club. He pointed out that the only area that will impact the Club is a minimal area of approx. 5.0 metres that we overlap into when we set up rings for breed shows, obedience, and agility. Our lease comes under the A&P Association. Andy approached them and the question was asked as to whether we pay rent? Reply is No. The suggestion from them was put forward that we just keep on side with the Pony Club's proposal and fully support it. Note though that we could have issues down the track if further redevelopment happens to the area.  
Note also that the electric gate is hooked into our power supply that we pay for.  
We have until 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021, for us to put forward any feedback.

Motion put forward that we support the proposal.

*Moved – Andy Connor*

*Seconded – Wayne Middleton    Carried*

- Katrina read an email from a Club Member regarding a request for voting by email. There is nothing stated in the Constitution that allows this. It was discussed at the June Committee Meeting, but a unanimous decision would not be made. The decision was put forward to discuss at this AGM so Club Members present could put forward their opinion on this. This was a heavily debated subject and brought forward many pro's and con's.
  - It was mentioned that DogsNZ allow voting by email, however, they are a national organisation so need to allow this method of voting.
  - As all Members are entitled to vote, why should Members that reside outside of Christchurch but still within the Zone of Influence, have to be present at the AGM? We have Members currently in Nelson/Marlborough that would have to travel quite a distance just to be able to vote.
  - If we were to allow, how would the Club deal with Nominations for Officers? Liz gave a situation where she holds a position of office for another Club, yet she resides outside of their zone. The Club was required to seek permission from DogsNZ to allow this. We, therefore, would have to do the same.
  - Why can't Members just put in a proxy vote – effectively this is the same thing?
  - A general show of hands showed quite a few were against this proposed method of voting.
  - Suggested that a survey out to all Members for their opinions would be the most democratic way to proceed.

Motion put forward that a survey is to go out to all Club Members to ascertain whether we allow for proxy voting at AGM's.

*Moved – Giuliana Petronelli*

*Seconded – Katrina Prendergast    Carried*

- Discussion will be held at August 2021 Committee Meeting around how to proceed with the survey.
- Deb Bannan – as Show Secretary, put forward as to how Members felt about allowing Neutered and Spayed entries at future breed shows? It was noted that this has arisen with another GSD

Club in the North Island. As our next show will not be until November and the Show Schedule has already be sent to DogsNZ, this won't be an issue yet but is only a matter of time that she is bound to receive an entry from someone wishing to show their neuter/spay. Discussion was held regarding this:

- All Breeds, Specialist Breed and Group Club Open Shows don't have a separate class which they can enter in, they are included in their respective age group.
- All Breeds Championship Shows, at the discretion of the Club, can run their own class – 18 and 18A.
- A spay/neuter certificate must be presented upon entry. The decision is up to the Show Secretary to ascertain whether the certificate is valid and to allow/disallow the entry.
- It is to be noted that the breed worth of the dog/bitch is still valuable.
- Regulations state that monorchid males cannot be shown – they must have two (2) evenly descended testicles.
- Straws ideally should be collected prior to neutering.
- Part of the introduction of these classes was to increase revenue for DogsNZ?
- It could be a good way to increase our show entries.
- As a specialist club, shouldn't we be promoting dogs of breed worth?
- How would some feel about a spay/neuter being put ahead of their entire animal in a class?

Motion put forward to allow for neutered/spayed dogs to be exhibited in their respective class with a copy of Vet Certificate as per DogsNZ Regulations.

*Moved – Giuliana Petronelli*

*Seconded – Helen Hill*

***Against***

A show of hands FOR or AGAINST was asked – majority overruled therefore this will be something that is reviewed in six (6) months to see how other clubs have dealt with this.

- Phil Baker – has heard that the Club was in the process of purchasing a portacom. Where is it? Katrina replied that it is still a work in progress. Andy explained that he is still working on the transportation of it to the Club Grounds. Current estimates are up to the region of \$650.00. Katrina has offered to ask her contacts in the transport industry – we can possibly get it done for free.
- Also from Phil – Can we look into getting a new gazebo/tent for around the show ring? Something for visitors to sit under next to the show caravan. Suggest it could be signwritten with sponsors branding eg Nutrience.
  - The question was asked though what we would do if we no longer had Nutrience for sponsorship? Will be costly to keep adding/removing names over time.
  - We already have the green gazebo that was donated to the Club by Evan Rahurahu.
  - Wayne will approach our signwriters for prices.

Meeting Closed at 8.37pm