

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of:

The South Island German Shepherd Dog League 29/7/2020

Place of meeting - SIGSL Clubrooms

Time - 6.30pm

Present - Andy Connor, Lea Connor, Maureen Toland, Liz Wilkinson, Blue Gardner, Katrina Prendergast, Rosie Petronelli, Giuliana Petronelli, Amy Field, Jon Field, Tony Gibson, Wayne Middleton, Marianne Middleton, Sandra Van Kempen, Lisa Amlehn, Lynette Baker, Phil Baker, Simon Rayner, Anna Malecka, Tracy Piper, Debs Bannan, Jane Dalzell, Joan Evans, Bruce Mayhew, Judy Mayhew, Natasha Connor, Karen Wilson, Allan McKernan

Apologies - Carol Dayman, Evan Rahurahu, Helen Hill, Kevin Dawber, Barbara McKernan, Annette Gibson

Moved by - Maureen

Sec - Andy

Carried

Matters arising from minutes:

Jane Dalzell down as present and apologies. Jane was absent from 2019 AGM.

Allan - mentioned the right of use of land, some of the land around the club rooms we have to apply to the council to use before we hold a show. Allan would like someone to look into this. Andy said he would.

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and accepted

Moved by - Blue

Sec - Sandra

Carried

Presidents Report:

It is with pleasure I present my report on a look back over the past year's activities of our club 2019-2020, and what a year it has been!!!

The highlight just had to be our joint South Island clubs, SIGSL, Otago and Southland hosting the German Shepherd National in November. The event went extremely well with just a couple of hiccups but with an outstanding committee running the event, they were well sorted within a few minutes. There is an extreme amount of work leading up to the show and although I have said it before, I will say again, well done by all!! We are fortunate to have 3 clubs here in the South who work well together and just get the job done. The sportsmanship over the weekend was amazing, the socializing, the people, the fun and of course the amazing German Shepherd dog.

With the introduction into New Zealand of that dam virus, Covid-19, our April show was gone and also our joint South Island Queens Birthday Triples. Over the whole country there were hundreds of shows either postponed or cancelled. The virus affected everyone and unfortunately our country came to a stop and we are still in the process of getting it rolling again. We all have our own view on what the Government should do, for me, I just don't want my family or friends getting contaminated so stay safe.

Fundraising has been tough due to Covid, but we have been lucky with our sausage sizzles now varying on with August, October and November cook-ups coming.

Christmas 2019 we had a crew from the club put an entry into then Chch Christmas Parade, organised by Sandra Van Kempen. We had approx. 9 dogs with club members and what a great walk. The dog's behaviour was absolutely awesome and the public and dogs all enjoyed the cuddles each received. We also had Karen Wilson doing work with her dog that had the public in giggles. Excellent promotion for the club. The following weekend we had a Christmas Party for dogs and handlers. Even Father Christmas arrived to dish out presents to the kids, handlers and dogs, everyone got a present. The fun on the day is on the club's Facebook page.

At the meeting will be available is a brief of the proposed LRL (Litter Registration Limitations). The scheme is designed so as breeders officially undertake to put their stud dogs and bitches through pre-agreed health tests. If adopted, as the Labrador and Rottweiler breeders have, breeders will not be able to register their pups with DogsNZ if they have not completed the pre-agreed health tests. A zoom meeting was held earlier this year with DogsNZ staff involved with the getting the programme adopted. Unfortunately, not everyone could be involved with the meeting due to limitations, not breeding ones either!!! But we will be holding more meetings for everyone to attend. We are the caretakers of our breed, the welfare of our breed is and should be, our paramount concern. We see too many backyard bred, non-health tested animals for sale on TradeMe with possible inbred health issues, we need to do our best to limit these, although our results with TM will be almost nil!! Hopefully, we will have a discussion on the subject tonight as there will be many questions. If the LRL agreement is to go ahead, it must be controlled by the Clubs and not DogsNZ. The initiative has come via DogsNZ and also our Advisory Council, but clubs are the caretakers of the German Shepherd and must maintain control of the way in which the pedigree lines are managed. If we hand that over to a third party, we lose the ability to guide our breed and do what we would agree is the preferred manner in which to control it.

The year has been a tough one with Covid. With the increase in the club's agility/obedience numbers, members were very keen to get back on the field, so training got underway as soon as possible after the lockdown was lifted. Many thanks to Blue Gardener and his team for getting back to it so quickly while fulfilling all required Govt health requirements. For the show/ring members, they will have to wait until October/November show, or get your entries in for the Southland German Shepherd Club show in September. The committee is looking at offering Show training and it will commence within the next week or so on Sundays with the other training undertaken. We have all been affected so much in regard to our club, the three aspects of the club, Showring, Agility and Obedience have been severely hit but it's great to see Agility and Obedience underway, but I ask you to remember, South Island German Shepherd League is a club that offers the 3 discipline's to members for the betterment of our beloved dogs, if one does not fit your desires, try the others, you must enjoy one of them!!!

I must also mention the club's amazing sponsor over the past year, they have been supporting us now for 3 years and would totally recommend Nutrience to all our club members. If you want to join their club which gives you discounted food, talk to me. Nutrience, thank you so much. We also had back to support us, Provida from Ashburton. They produce amazing and excellent health, system supports, shampoos for dogs, basically they are a dog health supplier and would also recommend members get to know them. Pet Expo was to be held earlier this year, but you all know what stifled that, so the show is now 13 September 2020, so if you can help, please let us know.

To my awesome committee, just a huge thanks. They all have individual skills and over this tough year, they have all been utilised and we have gotten through. The club is fortunate to have the people we do who all just want to have fun with their dogs. I hope they all remain on committee as the dogs and club need them. I am happy to put my name forward also for President.

Let's all get into this year; we have lost some of the year so we have a lot to catch up on.

Regards
Andy Connor
President.

Financial Report:

Copies of 2020 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.

Maureen provided a breakdown of fund-raising funds for 2019 – 2020:

TradeMe	\$ 890.00
Calendars	\$ 349.00
Winnie Bagoes	\$ 267.00
Raffle	\$ 3,542.35
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 1,477.00
Donations	\$ 1,050.00
Entertainment Books	\$ 294.00
Grants	\$ 5,507.00

A great team effort was made by all.

Maureen presented 2 invoices for payment; all present agreed for these to be paid.

Bruce congratulated us on how well the end of year finances have been presented and how good they look.

Matters arising from Financial Report:

Allan asked about having Replacement cost on Insurance policy, instead of Deprecation. Liz stated that SIGSL does have Replacement Insurance.

Moved by - Maureen Sec - Blue Carried

Election of Officers

Nominations for: President

Giuliana Petronelli	Nominated by - Wayne Middleton	Sec - Blue Gardner
Andy Connor	Nominated by - Jon Field	Sec - Tony Gibson
Nominations be closed	Moved by - Tony Gibson	Sec - Tarsh Connor

A secret ballot was undertaken with Bruce and Judy Mayhew as scrutineers, and Liz as returning officer, as appointed by the members present. The result was equal votes.

Bruce moved that the votes be destroyed Sec - Lea

Another vote was then made. The result was equal number of votes for the 2nd time

Bruce moved that the votes be destroyed Sec - Tarsh

Andy as the previous President carries on the role of President for 2020-2021 term

Vice President

Giuliana Petronelli	Nominated by - Sandra Van Kempen	Sec - Tarsh Connor
Liz Wilkinson	Nominated by - Jon Field	Sec - Tarsh Connor
Nominations be closed	Moved by - Tarsh Connor	Sec - Allan McKernan

Secretary

Anna Malecka	Nominated by - Blue Gardener	Sec - Sandra Van Kempen
Katrina Prendergast	Nominated by - Liz Wilkinson	Sec - Tarsh Connor
Nominations be closed	Moved by - Maureen Toland	Sec - Andy Connor

A secret ballot was then made, with Katrina receiving the winning number of votes

Treasurer

Maureen Toland	Nominated by - Tarsh Connor	Sec - Jon Field
Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Tarsh Connor	Sec - Andy Connor

Show Secretary

Deb Bannan	Nominated by - Sandra Van Kempen	Sec - Tarsh Connor
Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Tony Gibson	Sec - Katrina Prendergast

Club Captain

Sandra Van Kempen	Nominated by - Lea Connor	Sec - Katrina Prendergast
Rosie Petronelli	Nominated by - Giuliana Petronelli	Sec - Wayne Middleton
Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Katrina	Sec - Tarsh

A secret ballot was made, with Sandra receiving the winning number of votes

Committee

Simon Rayner	Nominated by - Giuliana	Sec - Jon Field
Anna Malecka	Nominated by - Wayne	Sec - Sandra
Tarsh Connor	Nominated by - Deb	Sec - Tony
Lea Connor	Nominated by - Katrina	Sec - Deb
Wayne Middleton	Nominated by - Tarsh	Sec - Blue
Rosie Petronelli	Nominated by - Giuliana	Sec - Wayne
Blue Gardner	Nominated by - Liz	Sec - Tarsh
Marianne Middleton	Nominated by - Wayne	Sec - Sandra
Jane Dalzell	Nominated by - Giuliana	Sec - Sandra
Evan Raurahu	Nominated by - Lea	Sec - Tarsh

As it is written in the constitution only 8 people can be on the committee. Judy pointed out that as Evan was absent from the meeting but had previously said he would like to be on the committee, then we could co-op him on. Tarsh also said she would go on committee as a co-op

Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Tony	Sec - Jon
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Patron

Bruce Mayhew	Nominated by - Katrina	Sec - Lea
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GSDAC Club Delegate

Giuliana Petronelli	Nominated by - Lea	Sec - Sandra
Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Tarsh	Sec - Rosie

Honorary Vet

K9HQ Vet Services	Nominated by - Andy	Sec - Tarsh
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Deb's to ask Kirsten if she would be our honorary vet

Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Tarsh	Sec - Giuliana
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Honorary Auditor

Zane Colville	Nominated by - Maureen	Sec - Allan
Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Jon	Sec - Andy

Honorary Solicitor

Christine Eastgate	Nominated by - Blue	Sec - Maureen
Nominations to be closed	Moved by - Katrina	Sec - Tarsh

Honorary Members

Duguld Thomas	Nominated by - Blue	Sec - Andy
Darron Willett	Nominated by - Sandra	Sec - Katrina
Nominations be closed	Moved by - Blue	Sec - Tarsh

End of Year Awards

Presentation of the end of year awards were given out.

General Business

Tony - started the discussion on the proposed LRL scheme.

Andy explained to those that were not aware of what LRL is, (Dogs NZ Litter Registration Limitations), it is mandatory health testing applied to the sire and dam of a litter of puppies prior to registration of that

litter. The health tests are recommended by the club, breeder, or owners of the GSD. It will be club driven between all NZ clubs and not by Dogs NZ. Once an LRL is put into place it will apply to every GSD litter. It will be a mandatory requirement to all breeders with no opportunity to opt out. A litter of puppies will not be registered by Dogs NZ if the breeder does not comply with the required testing. The idea is to try and stop back yard breeding.

Lisa - concerns that this will not stop back yard breeding as money talks. Also concerned that there is no testing currently available for some of the GSD health faults.

Allan - said that the GSDAC recommend the following to be tested, DM, Hip & Elbow, DNA. He stated that puppy buyers need to be better educated before purchasing a puppy.

Anna - Bought a puppy from a back-yard breeder as she was under educated and thought accredited breeders charged too much for their puppies. She agrees more education is needed for puppy buyers.

Amy - Back yard breeders are advertising that the vet said the parents have good hips/elbows but supply no proof that they have been tested.

Jon - A well-priced puppy with proof that the relevant health tests have been carried out on the dam and sire can rule out the wrong people buying the puppies. People will pay for puppies that have health tested parents.

Judy - We have left the protection of the breed too long, she suggested we start educating the public, bring in the LRL scheme and advertise this has been done when advertising litters.

Liz - was present at the zoom meeting representing Otago GSD Club, Andy representing SIGSL, and Dr Becky Murphy Canine Health & Welfare Officer for Dogs NZ. A good discussion was had in regard to LRL.

Tony - All testing results must be scientifically carried out and proven. Mentioned that LRL has been in Australia since the year 2000. Point of law that Dogs NZ will stand by breeders if LRL is bought in.

Allan - Working with Dogs NZ to get microchipping recognized as well as tattooing of dogs.

A lot of discussion was had on LRL. In order to bring it in there needs to be 75% of votes, with only 1 vote per person.

Jon - Dogs NZ have been in touch with some breeders to see what health tests have been carried out on their breeding stock. This is because of the pending court case coming up on a NZ GSD Breeder.

Bruce told us all a great joke which made us all have a laugh, thanks for that LOL

Allan - SIGSL is not functioning properly according to the constitution. Life members cannot hold a position of office. Giuliana to investigate this and address it at the next committee meeting.

Jon - suggested SIGSL and GSDAC get together and hold an open day where anyone with an interest in the breed can come along and learn more. Some topics mentioned to cover were - Mock survey, Breed standards, what to look for when purchasing a puppy, grooming and care, obedience, agility and show training that the club offers.

Tony - suggested inviting Group 5 Judges along so they also can learn more about our breed.

Judy - As the club has a healthy bank balance it would be good to give something back to our members in the way of this proposed fun and education day.

Meeting Closed at 9pm