



MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 28th November 2018 8.30PM (AEDT)

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| 1. | <b>Attendees</b> | <b>Jane Hodges, Linda Rand, Ruth Thompson, Sharon McGrath, Eleanor Hodgson, Carla O'Donnell</b>                 |   |   |
| 2. | <b>Apologies</b> | <b>Liz Molnar (No Internet)</b>   |   |   |
| 3. | <b>Minutes:</b>  | AGM 2017 Minutes accepted Sharon(NSW), seconded Jane(Vic); September GM Minutes accepted Eleanor(WA), Jane(Vic) |   |   |
| 4. |                  | <b>Standing Items</b>   | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action</b>   |
|    | 4.1              | <b>Register of Dogs Tested for Hereditary Disease</b>   | Nothing to add – With ANKC  |   |
|    | 4.2              | <b>Research Project – Development of Estimated Breeding Values for the Golden Retriever</b>                     | <p>Contacted Karin Meyer from University of New England to get access to her Wombat Software to analyse our data and get the EBVs also looking at using MCMCgImm software with R to see which works best with the dataset.</p> <p>Have spoken to Janelle Salvestrin and she is organising the NSW data to come to WA for input into the database.</p>   | <b>COD to look at analysing the dataset that we correctly have ~ 600 dogs.</b>  |
|    | 4.3              | <b>Breed Watch</b>  | <p>EU – No updates</p> <p>Heart – Waiting for feedback from clubs about contacting cardiologists.</p> <p>NSW: Agreed should be done: They suggest that puppies' murmurs added. Murmurs should be noted as innocent or not.</p> <p>WA: Agreed want extra question to determine whether dog is registered or not.</p> <p>VIC: queried about puppy murmurs</p> <p>COD commented about puppies that since letter going to cardiologists and wouldn't see young puppies</p> <p>VIC: Survey is for older dogs and failing their heart certificates the puppy question is a different topic.</p> | <b>COD Add question about registered dog but leave survey as simple as possible. Send new questionnaire to delegates for feedback then send to cardiologists. Add Mitral valve stenosis</b> |

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|           |            |   | SA: Agrees with Vic, shouldn't complicate things and stay on topic about dogs failing heart certificates and then being passed by a different cardiologist.<br>Keep survey simple to answer question what is the current state with Golden Retrievers and heart conditions.   |  |
| <b>5</b>  |            | <b>Correspondence</b>                   |   |  |
|           | 5.1 IN     |   | From ANKC: Notification about the Breed Council Meeting – Need agenda items by April<br><br>SA: Put on agenda why it takes so long for the ANKC to process a request for a LRL and why is it still will not be heard until March next year. Need to actually write a letter to ANKC asking why they are not supporting us in getting this processed. Seconded by Vic.<br><br>From QLD GRC: Donating Money to Friends of Guisachan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bit unsure on what they are asking - take it to clubs and get feedback from clubs</li> </ul> | COD to write to ANKC and actually put it as an Agenda item for their board meeting.<br><br>Email to delegates for approval and then send to ANKC.<br><br>All delegates to take back to clubs for feedback. |
|           | 5.2 OUT    |   |   |  |
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| <b>6.</b> |            | <b>President's Report</b>               | <b>See attached</b>   |  |
| <b>7.</b> |            | <b>Secretary's Report</b>               | <b>See attached</b>   |  |
| <b>8.</b> |            | <b>General Business</b>                 | <b>Discussion</b>   | <b>Action</b>  |
|           | <b>8.1</b> | <b>Litter Registrations Limitations</b> | See correspondence above<br>SA: didn't discuss about the situation about frozen semen<br>WA might be worth bringing up as an Agenda item for the ANKC meeting.  |  |
|           | <b>8.2</b> | <b>2020 National – GRC of NSW</b>       | Dates set Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> , RATG/Property/Obedience Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> . At Hawksbury Racecourse NSW.<br>Judges have been chosen awaiting ANKC approval.<br>Property Judges still needs to be decided.<br>? When NGRC meeting should be held during the National. Need details for   |  |

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|          |            |                                       | <p>information booklet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that meeting would be better after the show, too hard with the dogs if travelling to have the meeting before.</li> <li>• Would like the NGRC meeting the day after the National before the forum and held in the same place as the forum (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 10.00am).</li> </ul> <p>National Facebook page has been set up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be a closed page will need to be ask to join</li> <li>• Hasn't gone live yet – waiting for the judge to be announced and booklet to be finalised</li> <li>• Have a name the national competition on the Facebook page.</li> </ul>  |               |
|          | <b>8.3</b> | <b>Proposed National Grant Scheme</b> | No Update  |               |
| <b>9</b> |            | <b>Delegates Reports</b>              | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Action</b> |
|          | <b>9.1</b> | <b>NSW</b>                            | <p>Lots of national plans as above</p> <p>Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes made ~ \$4000 profit, plus winning ticket was unsold.</p> <p>Info social date was cancelled as no suitable dates</p>   |               |
|          | <b>9.2</b> | <b>Vic</b>                            | <p>The GRCV has had a busy year with many successful trials these included Retrieving trials in February &amp; July along with a RATG trial, Tracking Trial in May and in September our Retrieving Trial Obedience &amp; Rally trial held in conjunction with the Champ Show in October</p> <p>We are hoping to get a Track &amp; Search Trial running again in 2019.</p> <p>Winners of the Champ Show, - October Judge Susanna Zubair (UK) - CH Goldew Southern Sun - Cooke &amp; Handley, Runner Up - Ch Giltedge There's A Butterfly- Handley</p> <p>Our open show was also recently held in November, unfortunately, we were advised that there would be no Scottish breed Ch show this year, which last year boosted our numbers. So we only had a small entry of 25, with 50% scratching, which was rather disappointing.</p> <p>Best Exhibit- Beaudore Do You Wanna Dance- A Cameron</p> <p>Runner Up - Tamesis Above The Law - V Davis</p> <p>We also ran a fun day with grooming demo, breed talk and gundog training, and a fun show</p> |               |

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|            |           |   | <p>competition to demonstrate to people what the club does. This was a great success with a good turn out, and something we will look at doing more of.</p> <p>Our club membership has remained quite static at 186 members, but we need to try and maintain this. We have recently have appointed a social events role so we hope that the club will become more active in promoting our breed to the general public at events like dog lovers, GRR events plus just organising social get together. It is important we try and offer an interest to members who do not show or work their dogs.</p> <p>There are some large Golden Retriever social groups in Melbourne that have had a very successful gathering and fun days, so we are working on having a presence at these so more people know about the club and its role.</p> |  |
| <b>9.3</b> | <b>SA</b> | <p>Busy year held 4 confirmation shows, three of which were speciality shows one held with the winter International, the clubs show and one at Adelaide Royal plus an open show which seemed to work well and got a better entry.</p> <p>Number of entries seems to down overall.</p> <p>Having a speciality show at the Royal had over 200 people from the public watching which is good for the breed.</p> <p>Restricted obedience trial organised in conjunction with the clubs champ show very low entry ~ 2 to 3 dogs no passes.</p> <p>Have an enthusiastic new young committee member Bronwen Wills who is trying hard to promote the club among the people who trial their dogs which is good.</p> <p>Fun days are continuing and very popular had the last one at the beach and ~100 dogs attended.</p> <p>Run two retrieving trials very thankful to the small committee or organise and run these</p> <p>Also had an eye clinic with Tony Reid ~ 60 dogs</p> <p>Continues to run the caring companions scheme. 120 volunteers</p> <p>Jan Williams retired from secretary</p> <p>Irene Nichols retired from puppy info officer</p> <p>Club continues to be in a good financial position, run two all-breed shows to offset the national debt.</p> | -  |  |
| <b>9.4</b> | <b>WA</b> | <p>45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club had a successful year. Membership has risen to 128 which is the highest it's been.</p> <p>Several fun days organised well received</p> <p>Club run a loose lead workshop ~20 people</p> <p>Run a Golden Retrievers Olympics also about 20 people.</p> <p>Had two Champ shows and got around 50 entries both days and an open show</p>  |  |  |

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|    |      |              | Heart Clinic organised AGM last week, our Treasurer of ~ 15 years stepped down thank you to Ruth Connah for her commitment to the club.  |  |
|    | 9.5  | QLD          | Absent   |  |
|    | 9.6  | TAS          | Linda read out the presidents report from their AGM , One of the smallest clubs but well supported by its members. This year have run three sausage sizzle fund raisers and run two shows.<br>Also run an open show  |  |
| 10 |      | New Business | Discussion   | Action   |
|    | 10.1 |              | GRCWA set up health registries to collect health information.<br><br>One for DNA tests and one for EBV – will hopefully encourage people to submit their results.<br><br><a href="http://www.grcwa.com/index.php/about-us/health-research">http://www.grcwa.com/index.php/about-us/health-research</a><br><br>Currently very stagnant in regards to health with the dogs need open registries to move forward. Have set up a Facebook page to keep it up front in peoples mind and easily accessible.<br><br>Approach QLD about proposing a delegate | <b>Clubs to promote amongst their members. Links on National webstie and the clubs website.</b><br><br><b>Contact QLD about a delegate</b> |

The meeting closed at – 10.25pm (AEDT)

Date and time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 8.30PM (AEDT)

## **National Golden Retriever Council**

**AGM 28TH November 2018**

### **Presidents Report**

A Huge Thank you to all Breed Delegates for giving their time over the last two years. Keeping the fabric together of the Principles of the Breed Council as laid down in 1995. I can only reiterate from the Breed Councils notes to keep the fundamentals in mind of the Purpose of the Breed Council.

“The NGRC represents the interests of the Golden Retriever through the authority of the six Golden Retriever Clubs in Australia. Our responsibility is to provide a platform for the education of breeders and to advance and protect the interests of the breed through events and education at a national level.

NGRC Provides:

- \* A platform for the discussion of any issue of relevance across state borders.
- \* A voice for golden retriever enthusiasts at national forums hosted by the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) and other relevant organisations such as the AVA.
- \* Golden Retriever Club members a voice to have matters elevated to the NGRC for discussion and/or action subject to the support of his/her Club.
- \* The capacity, through National events, to bring together golden retriever enthusiasts from Australia and overseas, to showcase the breed and discuss contemporary issues with like minded people.

#### History and Purpose of the Breed Council

There are six breed clubs in Australia. In 1995 by agreement between the Golden Retriever Clubs in Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia the National Golden Retriever Council (NGRC) was formed. All clubs were represented by 1997 -98 when New South Wales and Tasmania joined.

The foundation President was Barbara Moore and Foundation Secretary-Treasurer, Irene Nicholl, both members of the Golden Retriever Club of South Australia.

At the inaugural meeting the Presidents words were:

“My feelings are that to work, a Breed Council should divorce itself completely from any Club politics. Each Club reports to the Breed Council, but in no way does the Council talk with individual members of each Club. The Council gives support to the breed Clubs in each state but does not interfere with the running of the individual breed Clubs. The Council should be accessible to the members of these Clubs, through official channels via the Clubs. The Council should be a group that has the best of the breed

at heart in whatever it does. The Council should have worldwide links – it gives the opportunity for contact with other countries.”

Barbara Moore, March 1995.

Historically the GRC of South Australia has achieved remarkable Events, as they have held three Nationals for the Golden Retriever, the recent one in 2017.

Congratulations to the hard working committee for again, producing a memorable occasion for Golden enthusiasts attending some who travelled from every corner of Australia, NZ and UK. The Next National is in August 2020 held by the Golden Retriever Club of NSW at Hawksbury Race Course in outer Sydney; already the gearing up with fund raising has been under way for well over a year. With such a dedicated committee it looks to be a Show not to miss.

On another note it is disappointing the GRC of Queensland does not have a Breed delegate as of November 2018. Hopefully someone will step up to keep information flowing and their state club members informed of health and welfare from other Breed councils overseas in an official capacity.

Thank you to My Secretary Dr Carla O'Donnell for keeping the paper work flowing and for her endless commitment to the health and welfare of the Golden.

Estimated Breeding Values and now Golden Retriever DNA via the GRC of Western Australia for likeminded Golden people to enter results and move into the future as most other countries have, it is a start and will hopefully give future breeders valuable tools.

**Liz Molnar**

**President**

**NGRBC 2018**

**Secretary's Report:**

Not much to say, just thank you to the delegates for their passion, time and commitment to the Golden Retriever this year. In looking towards the future I would just like to see the clubs being more proactive in working together to set up health databases and open registries. Our breed clubs should be a place to openly share knowledge and discuss problems within our breed. We need to be proactive as a breed council in not only contributing but pushing for Open health registries and resources that help breeders and researchers fight genetic disease as this will certainly be the next and most important step in preserving our remarkable breed.

**On a financial note:**

NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER COUNCIL

RECONCILIATION FY 2017-2018

Balance as at 30/09/2017: \$3258.00

## Receipts:

06 Feb 2018 \$150 GRCSA Affiliation

## Payments:

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| 12 Oct 2017 | \$300.00 | Banners          |
| 21 Nov 2017 | \$150.00 | Dogswebs         |
| 30 Apr 2018 | \$279.50 | ANKC Affiliation |

Balance as at 30/09/2018: \$2678.50

(Affiliations fees for 2018 need to be collected)