



MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 4th December 2019 8.00PM (AEST)

SYPE MEETING

1.	Attendees	Jane Hodges, Linda Rand, Ruth Thompson, Sharon McGrath, Eleanor Hodgson, Liz Molnar, Carla O'Donnell		
2.	Apologies			
3.	Minutes:	AGM Minutes 2018 Accepted: NSW Seconded: VIC Link to last year's minutes: https://ausnrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2018-AGM_November_Minutes.pdf General Meeting Minutes September 2019 Accepted: Tas Seconded: VIC		
4.		Standing Items	Discussion	Action
	4.1	Register of Dogs Tested for Hereditary Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchid Database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emailed ANKC asking for the DNA tests GR-PRA1, GR-PRA2 and Ichthyosis added to the database. - Vic would like added that the results need to be done by an accredited laboratory. - Plus the person performing the swab needs to be accredited 	COD: Write to ANKC asking only DNA results from an accredited laboratory and collected by an approved collector.
	4.2	Health Registries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBV • DNA Tests 	~2350 dogs in the EBV database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep awareness of database going. 	
	4.3	Breed Watch	EU – An email from Claire Wade (Chair of Computational Biology and Animal Genetics at University of Sydney) who is in contact with Cathryn Mellersh (Head of Canine Genetics at AHT). Might be able to access some money from the Royal Canin Sponsored Health & wealth Charity in 2021 to subsidise ultrasounds. Claire has been mapping vaginal strictures in guide dogs which might be linked to EU (project currently unfunded). VIC: The Vet Practice in Whittlesea, Victoria now have a laser and are interested in performing the surgery – An option that might be available in the future. Heart – Received feedback from 4 of the heart specialists on stats on heart disease in	SM: Will follow up with her if we can get any grant assistance or help. COD: Put together a summary of the results from the heart survey. JH: Will put something together and send to COD to send to the other clubs to get their opinion on how to go about putting

			<p>golden retrievers. Overall registered breeders are doing a good job. VIC: Brought up temperament and questioned whether it could be put on breed watch. It is becoming quite a concern in Victoria. Fear seems to be becoming a problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SA agreed that it is one of the most important aspects of our breed but doesn't know how it can be put on breed watch as it is highly subjective and not something that can be measured. Need to encourage people to become part of our community to help stop the growth of puppy farmers and welcome and mentor new people. Not enough good breeders to supply puppies to good homes so they are going to puppy farmers. - Liz: Need to ask the other clubs whether they want this on breed watch. - Linda – Suggested providing more information on what breeders should be doing to raise their puppies. 	temperament on breed watch. What is the best way to go about it?
5		Correspondence		
	5.1 IN	<p>03/12/2019 ANKC 19/11/2019 ANKC 21/10/2019 GRCV 15/10/2019 ACCC 14/10/2019 GRCNSW 14/10/2019 GRCNSW 06/10/2019 GRCV 30/09/2019 GRCV</p>	<p>Re: What Next for National Breed Councils Proposed GR Owners Survey_V3 Re: DNA Testing Draft Determination – Application for authorisation by ANKC LTD Re: What Next for National Breed Council Re: DNA Test Listing Attached correspondence from the GRCV – National 2023 FW: Australian Veterinary College Response to Golden Retriever Club</p>	
	5.2 OUT	<p>26/11/2019 - ANKC 20/09/2019 -ANKC</p>	<p>DNA Test Listing RE: Response to Proposed GR Owners Survey_V3</p>	
6.		President's Report		
			See Below	
7.		Secretary's Report		

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8.		Election of Office Bearers		
			Nominations Received from WA Seconded NSW President Elizabeth Molnar – Elected unopposed Secretary Carla O'Donnell – Elected unopposed	Action
9.		General Business	Discussion	Action
	9.1	Litter Registrations Limitations	Received reply from ANKC – Word changes to survey - All clubs happy with changes and to send back to ANKC	COD: Send back to ANKC and get the survey sent.
	9.2	2020 National – GRC of NSW	Three major fund raisers - Bunnings barbecue - Melbourne Cup Sweepstake - Christmas Pudding Fundraising SA: Questioned whether there was going to be a speciality GR show at the spring fair or just a specialist judge. Ruth has photos for photo album and digital photos for website. The current photo album is fine and has plenty of room for photos. Received an email from VIC to host national in 2023.	SM: to follow up on judge for Golden Retrievers at the Spring Fair RT: To send digital photos from the National via dropbox to COD for website COD: to send Vic's application to host national to all clubs for their approval.
	9.3	ANKC National Conference	What next for National Breed Councils? - Received an email from GSD council with suggestions will send to all clubs.	COD: To send GSD email to all clubs
10		Delegates Reports	Discussion	Action
	10.1	NSW	No meeting in November due to fires in area. Only have information on fundraisers discussed above in National 2020.	
	10.2	Vic	Have annual dog's day out coming up; the club has a stand there. Have a new brochure on information about getting a puppy will hand out at the event. Happy to share the information with other clubs. Carol Stafford is resigning from the club at the end of the year, which will be a sad loss as she has been at the club forever. Kim Houlden is stepping up as the secretary.	

			Having two championship shows again over the weekend on the 10 & 11 th October. New CEO for Dogs Victoria seems to be proactive. Updating website.	
10.3	SA		AGM was cancelled in November due to catastrophic fire warning. Will be held next week. Fun day at the beach was also cancelled due to gale force winds and rain.	-
10.4	WA		AGM was a couple of weeks ago. Eleanor is resigning as the WA rep. Liz thanked Eleanor for her time and efforts.	
10.5	QLD		AGM Last week – No update Dogs QLD have lost their second CEO in 12 months. Currently don't have a CEO.	
10.6	TAS		Open and Championship shows – Well attended show had 44 entries. Bunnings barbecue held last week and raised around \$900. Had AGM a few weeks ago and have a new vice-president and new treasurer.	
11		New Business	Discussion	Action
11.1	GRCV		Asking if the NGRC could do research into the Herpes Virus Vaccine? And availability in Australia.	COD to see who produces the vaccine commercially.
11.2			Liz wondered about statistics on Club's Championship shows on numbers and whether they are declining. If they are declining on whether any clubs have any insights on why declining. As a breed counsel something we need to be mindful of. Numbers are definitely declining not many new people coming in older people dropping out. Interesting to see what the demographics are of the clubs Liz wished everyone a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2020.	

The meeting closed at – 21:25 AEST

Next meeting – 26th February 2020 8.30PM AEST

National Golden Retriever Council

Presidents Report AGM 4th December 2019

The last 12 months had its frustrations with the LRL's (Litter Registration Limitation) with correspondence going back and forth with the ANKC to get it to survey level.

Agreement on compulsory elbow scoring was ratified but Eye Testing was questioned. Hopefully 2020 will finally see the LRL's get settled so the Survey can start.

Heart Specialists were contacted in 2019 and some replied, providing information on Golden heart health.

The GRCWA have a DNA data base and EBV (Estimated Breeding Values) data base for the Golden Retriever. Many breeders and owners have volunteered information and it is good to see the data base growing steadily.

There is also have a Face book Page called Australian Golden Retrievers Health and Research which is worth visiting.

Thank you to our Secretary, Dr Carla O'Donnell for another year. We are very lucky to have Carla who has put a lot of time and dedication into the EBV and DNA data base via the GRCWA. Also the constant communications back and forth with the ANKC always handled professionally.

Thank you to the Breed Delegates,
NSW and QLD - Sharon McGrath
Victoria - Jane Hodges
SA- Ruth Thompson
WA - Eleanor Hodgson
Tasmania - Linda Rand

Who keep the Breed Council values ticking over with care and passion for the breed.

Sadly, we said Goodbye to WA delegate Eleanor.

Next year the GRCNSW will host the National from 24 - 27th August at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon. The club is working hard for this event and I'm sure it will be very special. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Liz Molnar
President NGRC

NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER COUNCIL RECONCILIATION FY 2018-2019

Balance as at 30/09/2018: \$2678.00

Receipts:

19 March 2019 \$100 GRCV Affiliation 2018

19 March 2019 \$100 GRCSA Affiliation 2018

08 April 2019 \$100 GRCNSW Affiliation 2018

03 May 2019 \$100 GRCWA Affiliation 2018

16 May 2019 \$100 GRCQLD Affiliation 2018

May 2019 \$100 GRCTAS Affiliation 2018

02 August 2019 \$100 GRCSA Affiliation 2019

26 August 2019 \$100 GRCTAS Affiliation 2019

26 August 2019 \$100 GRCNSW Affiliation 2019

25 Nov 2019 \$100 GRCQLD Affiliation 2019

Payments:

23 Nov 2018 \$150.00 DogsWebs – Website

29 April 2019 \$299.15 ANKC Subscription 2019

Affiliation Balance as at 30/09/2019: \$3228.85

Carla O'Donnell
Secretary/Treasurer NGRC