



MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 4th November 2020 8.30PM (AEST)

ZOOM MEETING

1.	Attendees	Linda Rand, Liz Molnar, Ann Jones, Ruth Thompson, Sharon McGrath, Jenny Coultamanis, Racheal Oldrich.		
2.	Apologies			
3.	Minutes:	General Meeting Minutes August 2020 Accepted: Jenny, Seconded: Ruth		
4.		Standing Items	Discussion	Action
	4.1	Register of Dogs Tested for Hereditary Disease	COD Still need to write about clarification about non ANKC registered dogs being included. Query why cross breeds are on there.	COD to write for clarification, cc in Karen Hedberg
	4.2	Health Registries • EBV • DNA Tests	Will update in December, keep awareness going.	
	4.3	Breed Watch	EU: UK Breed Council. Vet in UK doing a study to put together a database. Heart: Letter sent to AVA and cardiologist board about examinations. Waiting on reply. Geoff Nicolson doing a clinic in SA. NSW: Received a letter from Peter Best still to reply. Multiple Retinal Folds: VIC: Have asked club secretary to write to ophthalmologists to get clarification on what they diagnose as MRD.	
5		Correspondence	Nothing received.	
	5.1 IN			
	5.2 OUT			

6.		Presidents Report	See below	Action
		Secretary Report	See below	
7.		General Business	Discussion	Action
	7.1	Litter Registrations Limitations	Letter sent to ANKC about frozen semen and LRL, still waiting on reply. SA: Not easy to find LRL's on the ANKC website. Extremely hard to find out what is needed to register a litter. Need something on the breed council's website on what is needed to register a litter.	COD: Put together a factsheet on what is needed to register a litter.
	7.2	2020 National – GRC of NSW	Nothing to update, concerned about International travel for next year. Looking at options. Possibility of pushing the National out to 2022.	
8.		Delegates Reports	Discussion	Action
	8.1	NSW	ORCHID: Poll with club members on accuracy of database. Results: 69% saw poll, 24.6% of these responded. Out of the respondents 64% stated that not all their dogs were listed on database. One member said data was actually incorrect. Puppy enquires, fielding a lot of calls from people about health and temperament issues from ANKC registered breeders but not club members.	
	8.2	Vic	Had AGM in September got the new constitution passed with a few amendments. Plan to work on Code of Ethics next. Puppy enquiries are through the roof. Getting quite a lot of new members through the new handbook the club produced which is good.	
	8.3	SA	Been quite busy, had a fun day with an excess of 150 golden retrievers on beach, unfortunately one member got cleaned up by a dog and broke her ankle. Eye opener to club about Public Liability. Been rewriting the code of ethics, looked into putting in Hip & Elbow Cutoffs put decided to hold off on that. Big festival of dogs for DogsSA.	
	8.4	WA	Have a sausage sizzle fundraiser next week. Have AGM coming in November. Have a fun day planed at the beach.	
	8.5	QLD	Have their AGM this month. Had a show in July which went well. All breeds shows are happening with a limit on number of entries.	
	8.6	TAS	Had their AGM no change of committee. Had a sausage sizzle as a fundraiser. Have limiting showing with local judges. Have a tracking workshop.	

9		New Business	Discussion	Action
			<p>Liz: Queried on what was in the club's code of ethics about age of bitch at time of mating.</p> <p>Most clubs' had 18months.</p> <p>SA: Queried can ORCHID scores be made public unless advised otherwise. Lots of results still aren't being put up even if box has been ticked.</p>	

The meeting closed at –

Next meeting – Wednesday 24th February 2021 8.30pm AEST

Presidents Report

AGM

4th November 2020

Covid 19 in 2020 has proven to be a year of challenges for the Golden Retriever Breed Clubs in Australia. All state Championship shows were cancelled and The National hosted by the GRC NSW postponed until 2021. GRC Qld had a small Championship show on short notice as a window of opportunity was available within the new Covid rules for Queensland. Hopefully 2021 will see us move into a more normal life style and we can celebrate the Golden Retriever National in August next year in Sydney.

It has been a challenging time for breeders this year witnessing the high demand for our Breed from the public, increased puppy prices, Back yard breeders , MDBA and other pet registries filling a gap in the market ANKC breeders could not fill. Social Media Groups have fed and fuelled many interesting conversations and topics on this creating awareness on what it actually happening out there. Club Secretaries and Club Puppy Officers have dealt with the brunt of public enquires, trying to educate and help people. A frustrating time and an endless task.

Thank you to all Breed Delegates for your time and interest in the Breed Council. We welcomed Racheal Olrich from GRCNSW who replaced Sharon McGrath and welcomed Jennie Coutlemanis who replaced Jane Hodges for the GRC Victoria.

It is very pleasing that the Litter Registration Limitations for Elbows and Eyes have been accepted and become effective early 2021. Thank you to all involved over the many years to get this finalised.

Huge Thanks to Carla for her ongoing support as Secretary.

Liz Molnar
President

Secretary's Report NGRC 2020

2020 has been the year no one could have predicted, we witnessed the cancellation of dog activities that we have never seen before, including the breed clubs Ch shows and sadly the GR National. We can't predict which direction Covid-19 will take next but hopefully travel will be possible in 2021 and we get a GR National.

I would like to thank our president Liz and the state delegates for their time and resilience as we have navigated through the unknown this year.

Accounts:

Opening Balance of \$3228.85

Expenses: Website fee \$150.00

ANKC affiliation fee \$ 361-38

Need to collect state breed clubs affiliation fees for this year.

Carla O'Donnell