



MINUTES GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER COUNCIL

19th January 8.38pm (AEDT) – Zoom Meeting

1.	Attendees	Jill Pearson, Ann Jones, Ruth Thompson, Linda Rand (For Paul Stevenson), Janelle Salvestrin, Sheryl McCarthy and Carla O'Donnell		
2.	Apologies	Jennie Coutlemanis		
3.	Minutes:	October 2022 General Meeting Minutes. Accepted: Ruth Thompson Seconded: AnnJones		
4.		Standing Items	Discussion	Action
	4.1	Health Registries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBV • DNA Tests 	<p>Received response from DogsWest asking for further info and clarification Carla to answer.</p> <p>Will update database shortly. Ann volunteered to help with data entry.</p>	
	4.2	Breed Watch	<p>EU: Seems to be an increase in cases.</p> <p>NSW raised the issue that Golden Retriever Rescue were receiving puppies from registered breeders with health issues. SA stated that they had a letter in one of their newsletters about this issue. Jill asked if letter could be forwarded to her.</p> <p>Heart: Lack of heart clinics in SA, hoping to have a clinic in May but probably will be the end of the year. Hard to abide by their code of ethics regarding heart certificates since it is becoming a real struggle to get a certificate.</p> <p>NSW have two new heart specialists in NSW who will hopefully be able to run a clinic for them as they usually hold two clinics a year.</p> <p>Suggestion that an internal medicine specialist might be an alternative if a cardiologist isn't available.</p> <p>Will hopefully have a heart clinic at the National.</p> <p>MRD: No Update</p> <p>Ichthyosis: No Update</p>	Letter from Golden Retriever Rescue to be forwarded to Jill.

5		Correspondence	Accepted: Seconded:	Action
	5.1 IN	19/01/2023 GRCVIC 01/2023 GRCTAS	National Breed Council Questionnaire -Response from Rottweiler Club of Vic. Change of Breed Delegate.	
	5.2 OUT			
6.	6.1	President's Report	See attached.	
		Secretary's report	See attached.	
7.		General Business	Discussion	Action
	7.1	2023 National - GRCVIC	Everything moving along, having monthly meetings. Kim has published a list of accommodation on fields of gold website. Still organising logo. Sponsorship is well underway have run one fundraiser and a Bunnings sausage sizzle. Have approval for Antonio Lopez Ria Vela. Marilyn Morphett for Property Classes, Dawn Aton for Obedience and Trevor Stephens for the RATG. Still organising Obedience and RATG on Friday and property classes. Plan to run Bitches on Saturday and Dogs on the Sunday. Monday hopefully Heart Clinic, Breed Council meeting and a seminar.	
	7.2	National Breed Council Questionnaire	Letter received from Dogs Australia asking for feedback on National Breed Councils – Response due by 28 th February to Dogs Australia. Received a letter from Vic that was a copy of Rottweiler Club of Vic response to the Dogs Australia. NSW had some feedback the consensus was what does the ANKC do for the breed councils. Quite concerned about the tone of the letter, question what the ANKC does for the dog world. Agree with the response from the Rottweiler Club of WA. Agree that the breed council does support our breed and we hold regular meetings. Tasmania similar response to NSW, Other countries have a country breed club ie. Golden Retriever Club of America UK etc. So, felt if there wasn't a breed council would need to have a country breed club to represent all the states.	Forward responses to Carla by mid-February, to collate and respond to Dogs Australia by 28th February.
	7.3	Follow-up from last meeting	Consensus between states about International Judges Contract. All clubs agreed this would be a good idea. Ann happy to coordinate show secretaries to see if can organise a meeting separate to the breed council meeting.	Ann to coordinate between the clubs.
8.		Delegates Reports	Discussion	Action
	8.1	NSW	Haven't met since Christmas so not much to report. May trial is organised and have judges contracted for August Show, Ruth Turner and Gordan Kipps.	

	8.2	Vic	Working towards the National. Have fundraising in the pipeline.	
	8.3	SA	Haven't had a committee meeting since October, so not much to report. Committee still the same since AGM. Continuing to run some beach days over the summer break. Having trouble with insurance with retrieving trials and guns trying to sort out with a broker. Organising 50th Anniversary Shows in August. Judge trained search and rescue dogs for 9/11 so is going to give a talk about this.	
	8.4	WA	Have first meeting in Feb. Celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year so have a few events in the pipeline to celebrate.	
	8.5	QLD	Had a fun day that was successful ~ 300 goldens charged a gold coin donation and funds were donated to golden retriever rescue in QLD. Plan to hold as a yearly event. Have next meeting 7 th February. Show is in April; puppy enquiries have slowed down.	
	8.6	TAS	<p>No change of executive at AGM, though Paul Stevenson to be the knew delegate. Had a walk in Hobart with about 80 dogs with tv coverage. Plan to hold about two walks a year. Plans to hold a scent workshop and a Bunnings sausage sizzle. Tried to get a RATG trial going but Dogs Tasmania didn't approve it because they are a breed club. A bit puzzled as the other state golden retriever clubs hold performance trials. Have support from workers gundog's association. Only have one RATG trial in Tasmania per year. Have a few new members interested in retrieving so want to support them and keep them interested in the club.</p> <p>Thanked everyone for their support when she has been on the council.</p> <p>Jill thanked Linda for her time on the council and said she would be missed.</p>	<p>Suggestion to contact all the different Tasmania clubs involved with retrieving and ask for their support and resubmit the application.</p> <p>Could also contact ANKC and ask why other state breed clubs are allowed to organise trials when they are also breed clubs.</p>
9.		New Business		
		9.1	<p>GRCNSW asked about awards that clubs give out, recently received an application for scent work. Wondered if other clubs gave out awards for other disciplines.</p> <p>GRCSA: Made a decision that awards are given just for the discipline so different titles for the same sport grouped under the same trophy, as it was costing too much for the club to give individual trophies for each individual title, Have also got rid of perpetual trophies.</p> <p>GRCVIC: Recognise all titles and are all eligible for awards. The club asks for a donation of \$25 for Championship Titles.</p>	

The meeting closed at – 10:50 pm
Next meeting – GM - 16th March 2023