

## NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT KCC PARK, WESTERNPORT HIGHWAY, SKYE, VIC ON MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

**ATTENDEES: NGRC Office Bearers**

- Jill Pearson                      President
- Debra Turner                    Secretary/Treasurer (Acting)

**NGRC State Breed Council Delegates**

- Jennie Coutlemanis      Victoria
- Ruth Thompson            South Australia
- Holly Brighton             Western Australia

Elizabeth Mitchell	Carol Stafford	Kat Jackson
Sharron Fleming	Lydia Jin	Land Tang
Phillida Gordon	Emma Ford	Janelle Salvestrin
Paul Middleton	Chrisine Pulis	Sharney Marmo
Natalie Kelton	Wendy Johnson	Kim Burke
Jane Fall	Tiffany Platt	Skye Stephens
Natasha Ryan	Dorothy Alexander	Eleanor Hodgson
Kim Houlden	Alison Cameron	

- APOLOGIES:**
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| Rachael Ohlrich | Debra Stubbings  | Kim Handley     |
| Phil Thompson   | Sandra Patterson | Carla O'Donnell |
| Jane Hodges     |                  |                 |

		<b>Meeting opened at 11:08am</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	As per above record of attendance.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	As per above record of apologies.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	The minutes of the July 2023 General Meeting.	<i>Accepted: H Brighton Secoded: J Coutlemanis</i>
<b>4.</b>	<b>STANDING ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Health Registries</b> 1. EBV 2. DNA Tests	1. President advised that EPV has not been updated yet. Ann Jones has offered to do data entry once Carla O'Donnell has collected the data. 2. No updates.	
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Breed Watch</b> 1. EU 2. Heart 3. MRD 4. Ichthyosis	1-4. President advised no updates.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Correspondence In</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resignation of Sheryl McCarthy, NGRC Delegate for Queensland and Paul Landy is the new NGRC Delegate for Queensland.</li> <li>• Change of NGRC Delegate for NSW from Janelle Salvestrin to Sandra Patterson.</li> </ul>	<i>Accepted: R Thompson Secoded: J Salvestrin (on behalf of S Patterson)</i>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRCVIC to NGRC re proposed changes to the Constitution which was in reply to the GRCNSW letter regarding amendments to the Constitution to the NGRC.</li> </ul>	
	<b>5.2</b>	<b>Correspondence Out</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>President's Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President's Report presented and read.</li> </ul>	<i>Moved: J Pearson Seconded: J Coutlemanis</i>
	<b>6.2</b>	<b>Secretary's and Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary's and Treasurer's Report presented and read.</li> <li>SA delegate noted on the Treasurer's Report that we still have not received the invoice for 2023 Club Affiliation fee. President agreed and made a note to follow up.</li> <li>President noted that we need to appoint an auditor and we be added to agenda for next NGRC meeting.</li> </ul>	<i>Moved: J Coutlemanis Seconded: H Brighton</i>
	<b>6.3</b>	<b>Appointment of President and Secretary/Treasurer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One nomination received for Jill Pearson as President from the GRCVIC and one nomination received from GRCSA for Debra Turner as Secretary/Treasurer.</li> <li>Jill Pearson and Debra Turner duly elected unopposed.</li> </ul>	
	<b>6.4</b>	<b>Vote on Notice of Motion for changes to the Constitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President gave brief outline for the need amend the Constitution and how the process started. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NGRC received a letter from the GRCNSW highlighting a lot of out-of-date areas in the Constitution and those amendments needed to be made.</li> <li>State Delegates took the matter to their State Clubs and the GRCVIC came forward with the Motions to move changes to make it current and relevant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Secretary of GRCVIC addressed meeting to expand on rationale to key proposed amendments followed by President who gave summary of all the proposed changes to the Constitution.</li> <li>President asked and answered by State Delegates that they were all in favour to accept all proposed amendments to the Constitution.</li> <li>SA Delegate noted that the GRCSA is grateful for GRCVIC's efforts in preparing their proposed amendments.</li> </ul>	<i>Moved: R Thompson Seconded: J Coutlemanis</i>
<b>7.</b>		<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2023 National - GRCVIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VIC Delegate/President of GRCVIC – hoped everyone enjoyed it and thanked those that attended and wished same success for the GRCSA who host the next National.</li> </ul>	
	<b>7.2</b>	<b>Website</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President gave brief update on the NGRC website. Carla O'Donnell has done a lot of work on bringing it up to date. Website host DogsWeb has made it more user friendly and easier to update.</li> <li>President and Secretary will review website and also asked all present if they can have a look through the website and if anything picked up that needs changing then to take it to their Club so their State Delegate can bring it to the meeting and then the NGRC will work on it as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>	

8.	DELEGATE'S REPORT	DISCUSSION	
8.1	NSW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRCNSW held their double header champ shows on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August. Have future plans to change their show date next year to 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June and will be a standalone show and will not be running it with the Gun Dog Society again as that slowed everything up.</li> </ul>	
8.2	VIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to add to previous update on National.</li> </ul>	
8.3	SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRCSA wrapped up their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations with two championship shows that attracted a good entry including many from interstate which was appreciated.</li> <li>Our fundraising continues to be a huge success including up to 120 members attending on some occasions depending on the event and at times they had to cut them down to include club members only due to too many people attending.</li> <li>GRCSA membership is now well over the 250 mark. Have now 120 CVS members and have renewed a contract with the Government for full funding to run the CVS for another three years and looking at appointing a permanent part-time administrator to run the CVS as it is now a huge job. We have 120 CVS members visiting aged care facilities with up to 400 visits a week.</li> </ul>	
8.4	WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRCWA held its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary championship show which attracted a record entry.</li> <li>Haven't yet worked out a judge for next year's champ show and will consider a judge other than one from the UK but that is not set in stone. We will keep same date though.</li> <li>As part of our fundraising, we hold "Drop-In" training classes every Sunday for \$5 per session.</li> </ul>	
8.5	QLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absent.</li> </ul>	
8.6	TAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absent.</li> </ul>	
9.	NEW BUSINESS:	DISCUSSION	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Next Meeting for NGRC 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Secretary to set up meeting via Teams and invite Delegates at their local times as follows:</b></p> <p>5:30pm - WA  7:30pm - QLD  8:30pm - NSW, VIC and TAS  8:00pm - SA</p>		
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 11:32am</b></p>		