

# Presidents/Secretaries/Representatives Australian Rottweiler Clubs

## Draft Minutes of Special Meeting held

*15<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 – 5.00 pm*  
*SACA Meeting Rooms, South Australia*

### Agenda

**1. Meeting Open: 6.25pm**

**2. Introduction Mick Svaljek (Chair) Explanation for calling meeting.**

Thanked SA for allowing this meeting to take place at their show and providing supper for same.

Need to review structure of NRCA and how it affects clubs.

Without our input the NRCA structure will go backwards. The structure itself may be the problem.

**3. Attendees: Heidi Youle; Ian McLean (Qld)**

**Eileen McGregor; Shiela Innins; Jacqui Dyer (NSW)**

**Mick Svaljek (Chair); Pauline Vicino; Michael McMahon (Vic)**

**Sharon Waho; Marcelle Orton (WA)**

**Josie Eiffe; Narelle Medlicott; Kerry Osborne (SA)**

**Dave Shepherd (Northern Districts)**

**4. Apologies: Paul Pickering (NSW); Jill O'Brien (SA)**

**5. Agenda Items:**

- **SA:** National is not related to members and new members need to know. All Clubs need to be more pro-active in promoting our National Body to new members. Communication time frames are a major problem for SA members. Members do not understand the national and how it works. How many members know the constitution and understand how it works. Education is needed. How do clubs communicate with each other. Relevance is the most important word here. Nationalise all schemes then people will better understand. Rules and regulations are more important than constitution.
- **NSW:** Too bogged down and complicated and not user friendly. A National Body should cascaded down the line. Members are asking, what does the national do? Regular reports should come from the Executive to each State Club. The clubs should be more uniform regards hips elbows and Code of Ethics. Paperwork needs tightening up. Loopholes regards readers. Dogs being re x-rayed. NSW has put in that it is a guideline not a policy. Suggested National paperwork number should be put on x-ray, along with microchip etc. Can we follow GSD guidelines. Our members feel the NRCA is a toothless tiger.

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- **QLD:** Time frame again is a problem. Up to 12 months for things to be done. Need executives to be in the one area to be able to meet. Term of office needs to be changed. Maybe 3-4 year terms. NRCA has to be the controlling body for our Breed. Qld put forward their code of ethics and requested it become national. No consequences for doing the wrong thing. Need a panel at national level to investigate breed errors breaches etc. One member from each State. Problem with info from Breed Recorder at national level. Up to 12 months to get paperwork from NRCA Breed Recorder. Delay in getting new paperwork from the National. Nowhere else to turn if no response from NRCA. State Breed Recorders are also causing delays. Two lots of paperwork is being issued. Time delay in getting motions passed, they never get around to being voted on at National level. This system has to change to if the NRCA is to work correctly. Need to convince the ANKC to accept hip scores etc on pedigrees. NRCA should be representing us to the ANKC. We all need the same procedures on a national level regards paperwork etc. Breed Recorders in particular need to do this. Breed Survey procedure. It does not state NRCA paperwork. Breed Survey paperwork needs updating, it is 10 years old.
- **NDRC:** thanks to Vic for calling meeting. This was a brave move as there has been much criticism regards this meeting. Relevance is most important. Should go down the path of the GSDC of Aust. States have different opinions and we must have uniformity regards rules re hips etc. This meeting could just fade out or we can go forward and reassess and make things happen regards change and improving the system. The ANKC is a problem and can we manage without them. Needs to be sold to members. Uniformity needs to be sold to members.
- **WA:** Information again is a problem with delays. Electronic communication would be better for WA. WA has a new committee now so need to learn to be able to have input along with the other States.
- **VIC:** Issues with NRCA procedures not being followed. COE and Rules etc need to become uniform. NRCA needs a constitution that all clubs can abide by. Structure needs to change. SEC/TREASURER as one position and President are the only exec positions. Too much work for 3 persons. Need backup people and assistants. Treasurer should be a voted position. National Breed Recorder should be a voted position as it is the most important position. Should justify why they have that position. Breed Registrar needs to be separated from Breed Recorder. All positions should be applied for stating reason for application.

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- Need to unite and manage correctly or fall behind.
- RCV is passionate about getting the national going.
- President needs to be someone that understands ANKC whilst at the same time the Vice President would be learning prior to taking over as President.
- Breed Registrar should be a separate position, and this needs to be someone interested in co-ordinating and attending Breed Surveys.
- Delegates could become a Committee of the National instead of delegates.
- NRCA is not incorporated and would it be of any help if it was. Fees and rules are large. Public Officer is the one that can be sued under incorporations laws. All the constitutions need to be uniform before incorporating the national, otherwise it could end up a complicated mess we may not be able to deal with.
- NRCA is paid \$25.00 for a copy of the National Breed Register. A deposit of \$25.00 should be on hold for paperwork.
- If no response from Clubs to motions that have been sent out for voting on, the vote will be taken as a yes.
- The clubs are the power, not the National.
- National website is of no value to the Clubs unless all Delegates, Presidents, Secretaries are involved and can communicate discussions directly to their Committee and eventually members. One person should be in charge of issuing/distributing all national paperwork and correspondence to Clubs.
- All Committee's should notify each other nationally of their new committees etc.
- Clubs cannot give permission to members to breach the COE under incorporations laws.

- Discipline committee needs to be done at national level.
- We need to know the structure of the ADRK. if we want to follow the same discipline. Josie to give us the structure of the GSDC. Shiela to give us the ADRK structure and how it works.
- Two weeks should be enough time for this to be sent out. Heidi to get Alpaca structure.
- ANKC has a national breeds committee but this appears not very helpful to Clubs.
- The National Breed Council system is not working as it should.
- IFR is asking us for information and input. Are we responding at national level.
- We need to look at the overall structure of the NRCA. The RCV is challenging the VCA CE regards conflicting constitutions. The other states would like more input from WA. This will come as their new Committee becomes united.
- DNA, is this going to be done at Club level, or just via ANKC. The ANKC article re DNA is not as promoted in Adelaide.
- Was suggested all clubs to have meetings around the same time of the month, preferably within the week.
- This meeting now needs to be relayed in a positive light to Club Members. All clubs need to discuss this and agree and vote on same. All States to send a copy of their current Code Of Ethics to each State Club Secretary. They should then be collated and taken to an NRCA Meeting.
- Ask the NRCA not to have their AGM via Conferlink, as it is of no value to any member club. Motions up to 2 years old have not been put on the Agenda for voting on as yet.

#### **Summary**

##### ***Important Issues:***

***Relevance (making members aware of the importance/relevance of having a National Body)***

***Time Frames with responses/Hip Paperwork etc) (All Clubs have concerns with this area)***

***Uniformity (All agreed we should have a uniform COE, Hip Scheme etc on a national level)***

***Structure of the National (this is not understood by most members and needs looking at)***

**6. Meeting Closed: 8.30pm**

- **Next Meeting: At the Sydney Specialty Show in October**