

Second Meeting of State Rottweiler Club Representatives for Improvement to NRC(A) System.

Meeting Opened 5.10pm  
No Apologies

Attendees:

Karen Green, Jacqui Dyer, John MacDonald, Mick Svaljek (Chair), Marcelle Orton Sheila Innins, Dave Shepherd, Robyn Rogers, Julie Clarke, Annette Slavin (minutes).

Mick thanked everyone who attended and explained the purpose of this meeting was to obtain feedback.  
Setting up the NRCA and what it should stand for; we need a national body to lead the way forward.  
Important that all the clubs support this and become involved.

Reference was made to the minutes taken at the SA meeting, and responses to issues raised.

John MacDonald – In reference to point 5 of the minutes  
Members are not getting any input to the NRCA  
NRCA - all national breed councils to adopt a constitution that is acceptable to the ANKC, the ANKC must accept the constitution.  
Communication under current structure is taking far too long, in some cases it is taking over 12 months for a motion to be acted upon.  
John had moved a motion that the NRCA become incorporated, but this was lost at the last NRCA meeting.  
Body structure and set of things in place to identify ourselves so that we are more than just responsible dog owners.  
We need to redraft the constitution to operate efficiently, and distribute information to all clubs and members. Proper active Website, how does the national do these things ? Who funds these things ?  
NRCA as an incorporated body would be able to set one Code of Ethics for all Clubs to work under.  
National breed recorder.  
Communication between clubs and national breed recorder is of major concern to all States. This should become an elected position and nominees should have good reason for why they should be the NRCA breed recorder.  
There should be a Job Description for the NRCA Breed recorder, plus policy and procedures. NRCA need to formalise NRCA Breed Recorder position and procedures as a matter of urgency, where-in this be the only position and do away with State Breed Recorders altogether once this was up and running to everyone's satisfaction.  
John Macdonald used the analogy – as a business manager why would I have 7 cleaners to clean one room, I only need one person to do the job, If you make the NRCA position an elected position, is it a position that is ultimately administration, similar to where the person is on an employment contract.

Robyn Rogers - we need a working party here to select an applicant for this position from one of the larger successful clubs.

ANKC secretaries position is a job, if the person does not do the job then we get them out. The same should apply to this position.

We need to fix the NRCA Breed recorders position, John MacDonald states that they have tried to impose.

Is it the aim to just have the one Breed Recorder nationally with one backup, all the state breed recorders are to be removed.

Two people to be able to add data. The online system would need to be up and running for this to happen.

John Macdonald - How many puppies do we produce per year nationally answer = 5000, ADRK produce 1500 puppies per year. No of people working for the ADRK. Not really relevant as totally different system.

KG – especially with the NRCA paperwork, people go directly to Mark Cejpek for paperwork, this is not acceptable, we need to document the procedure.

Communication - Karen can only send information to the addresses that are given to the NRCA Secretary. Clubs should notify the NRCA Secretary after every AGM of Secretary, President etc. This can be done on the NRCA Group at Yahoo.

Major issue with state clubs nothing is coming in on letterhead.

QLD & Northern districts

Dave Shepherd – NRCA positions need backup for all positions.

2. National Code of Ethics

3. National Constitution

4. National discipline committee

5. NRCA delegates form part of the NRCA committee.

If you have an incorporation you need something in writing – written procedure for disciplinary procedures.

John Macdonald – HD/ED eye and mouth certificate - most complaints received, paperwork incorrectly completed, National Breed recorder is supposed to give us a report on any discrepancies.

Vice President, Secretary, President and NRCA delegates

Breed recorder and Breed surveyor to be separate positions. All State Clubs need to have a nominated Breed Survey Registrar person.

Breed Affairs Chair person and State Breed Recorders like German Shepherd Clubs. A video of our Survey will be done and presented to clubs.

WA have a problem with communications because of location. Julie suggested an induction process be in place for new committees. How do we improve this.

The NRCA should be notified of every State meeting and what was discussed regards the NRCA. All states have different meeting dates and different codes of ethics etc. RCV members will push this to have a national code of ethics. RCV is concerned other clubs are not serious about this. If this does not happen the RCV will leave this and walk away from this process of trying

to improve the national. If all clubs agree with all these points it will move forward.

The public have a perception of Rottweilers as dangerous.

Robyn Rogers believes RCV should lead the field in centralising things for the NRCA. We need to come together and put personal issues aside. Apathy in other states is a problem.

Jacqui Dyer believes people that head some Clubs are not interested in the NRCA. Delegates should also be on the list to receive national business.

Karen Green - motions that are outstanding were not sent to Karen.

Processes not being followed.

Julie Clarke. One code of ethics and one constitution.

Shiela Innins wants to forget the past and move on.

Mick thanked everyone for attending. If the other Clubs don't want to attend we will go it alone.

Marcelle WA. Agrees all clubs should move on. WA don't seem to have the same passion as other states.

Mark. The only problem is we have been down this road before. It may well be make or break time or the national will wither and die on the vines. Karen has been frustrated with communication. ANKC will be writing to the NRCA to request an identifier for the BS. This has taken since 1999. This is good news for our Breed. We will now have an approved scheme. We then have to draw people in to the BS system.

In NSW breeders will be licensed.

John MacDonald has advised we either unite or fall over and be left behind.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm.