

**WELLINGTON CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Present: Bice Awan; Sherlie Barr; Mary Schneider; Edi Schneider; Thomas Lovatt; Ixe Lovatt; Mike Martyn; Annette Flynn; Lesley Lovatt; Lesley Cobb (minute taker)

Apologies: Nazir Awan

The meeting was called to order at 9.26 am.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of July 1 2007 were accepted as an accurate record.

2. Transfer of Secretariat

The transfer of the secretariat was noted. Outgoing Secretary Bice Awan handed the files to the incoming Secretary Lesley Cobb. Bice was given a vote of thanks for her work as Secretary.

3. Treasurer's Report (informal)

Annette advised that the club was in a healthy financial position. The term deposit is still in place.

4. Obedience and Agility Demonstration at Village in the Park

Mary advised of a request from the Village in the Park (retirement complex in Newtown) for the club to put on a display of obedience and agility for the residents. They would like it to be in September as that is their 'pet month'. Bice noted that the club should tell the Village it is their responsibility to make sure none of their residents are allergic to dogs.

There was some discussion of which dogs would be suitable for this demonstration and the following dog/handler combinations were proposed:

Sherlie and Sharna
Mary and Buffy
Lesley C and Zach
Mike and Tynagh
Lesley L and Katie

All are willing to participate. Plus other dog/handler pairs from the classes can be added in if suitable. Buffy and Katie have 'canine friend' status so can be handled by the residents. Dogs not suited to handling will be put in their handlers cars as soon as the demonstration is over.

Edi proposed that Mary act as co-ordinator, Lesley C seconded. All voted in favour.

Mary will propose a date (a Saturday) to the Village and come back to the club with details. Some practice sessions on a Wednesday night will be required to polish the display.

5. Ribbon Trial

Notices: These have to go out this week advising neighbours of the Club's ribbon trial on 7 October. Mary and Edi have already notified all the dog clubs. Mary will

give Lesley C all the details; LC will draft a letter and print 20 copies for Edi and Mary to deliver.

Working bee: There will be a working bee 9.00 am Saturday 29 September. This is to ready the club rooms for the ribbon trial; clean the club rooms, wash the floors and cups etc. Edi will organise the cleaning supplies.

Raffle: Edi will get tickets and Annette will reimburse him for expenses. People are encouraged to donate raffle prizes.

Barbecue: Mike suggested a barbecue and a few sandwiches for the ribbon trial, since last year the food was over catered and there was wastage. Mike will also try and get sweet foods from New World supermarket and will supply the barbecue.

Scent cloths: Annette will launder the scent cloths for the ribbon trial.

6. Paint for the Clubhouse

Annette has priced paint at Placemakers at \$156 for 20 litres of white exterior acrylic paint (galvanising and self priming). Tinting is an additional \$10. The outside of the club rooms will be painted by Mike, Tom and Edi some time after the ribbon trial, but Annette can buy the paint sooner if it comes on special. The other committee members also volunteered to help with the painting.

7. Dog Walk

The next dog walk will be on Sunday 23 September to the Ataturk Memorial. The scheduled picnic is cancelled.

8. Kennel Cough

Mary, on the advice of her vet, recommended that all dogs of club members be vaccinated for kennel cough.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.55 am.

Next meeting: 11 November at 9.20 am.