

TASMANIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENED AND DULY HELD TUESDAY 02 MAY 2017 AT THE BRIGHTON CIVIC CENTRE, 25 GREEN POINT ROAD, BRIDGEWATER COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

1. PRESENT: Mr D Sales (Chairman), Miss V Adams, Mr J Aherne, Mr D and Mrs M Aitchison, Mrs S Axton, Mrs J Baker, Mrs K Baker, Miss D Barry, Miss M Bester, Mrs S Bingham, Ms L Binns, Ms M Blackman, Mr G Blyth, Mrs A Bolt, Mr G and Mrs S Bond, Mr A and Mrs M Booth, Ms L Borella-Peters, Mr R Broomhall, Mr K Brown, Mrs T Brown, Mrs A Burns, Mr C and Mrs S Cocker, Mrs E Coleman, Mrs M Collicutt, Mr J Connell, Mrs E Connolly, Mr R Costen, Mrs T Counsell, Miss J Cullen, Mrs G Cullen, Mr A Daley, Mrs S Daley, Mrs L Dare, Mrs A Dargan, Miss K Davies, Ms R Davies, Mrs R Davis, Mrs P Dowling, Ms R Dowling, Mrs A Drew, Miss B Duke, Mr S and Mrs C Eastley, Mr B and Mrs J Ellims, Mr B and Mrs K Enright, Miss C Esam, Mr M and Mrs S Evans, Miss E Foster, Mrs R Foss, Miss A Fox, Mrs S Fox, Ms J Fraser, Miss S Gangell, Mrs C Gangell, Mr P and Mrs P Gaunson, Mr C Gillanders, Mr M and Mrs S Gray, Mr P Haas, Mr G and Mrs L Hall, Mrs J Hargraves, Mrs F Harris, Ms C Houghton, Ms J Jenkins, Miss K Job, Mrs E Job, Mrs W Job, Mrs M Johnson, Mr A and Mrs M Jones, Mrs C Jones, Mr L Jones, Mrs S Jones, Mr T and Mrs C Jones, Miss J Kaden, Mrs M Kaden, Mr A Karppa, Ms M Kelly, Miss A Kennerson, Mrs B Kerrison, Mr J Kieliszek, Mrs K Klap, Mrs M Kube, Mr C Lee, Mrs A Lonergan, Mrs C Lowe, Mr R and Mrs R Lowe, Ms T Luttrell, Mr R and Mrs T McCauley, Mrs J McCulloch, Mrs R McDade, Mrs J MacDonald, Mrs L McGinn, Ms G Macquarie, Mrs J Menzie, Mr K and Mrs C Millhouse, Miss J Moore, Mr K Morgan, Mr S and Mrs S Munton, Mrs N Newett, Mr G O'Neal, Mr I Parsons, Mrs G Parry, Mr G Parry, Mr J Poore, Miss M Prouse, Ms M Pledger, Ms S Rattle, Mrs E Rilstone, Mr P and Mrs J Roberts, Mrs L Rowlands, Mr D Scrimshaw, Mrs S Shrigley, Mrs J Skudder, Mrs A Smith, Mrs F Smith, Miss K Smith, Mrs L Smith, Ms Y Smith, Mrs R Spratt, Mr T Sproule, Mrs P Stevenson, Miss P Summers, Mrs A Traill, Mr J and Mrs D Wadsley, Mrs H Walker, Mrs K Walker, Miss T Walker, Miss G Walters, Mr S Watling, Mr R Watson, Mrs R Weber, Miss M Williamson, Mr F and Mrs J Wiltshire, Miss L Wiltshire, Mr W Wiltshire, Mr M Worsley, Mr G Wright, Miss K Wright and Mr K Smith (Executive Officer) with Mr B Cole and Mr D Guajardo present observers.

2. APOLOGIES: Ms N Baxter, Mr A and Mrs M Bellingham, Mrs B Benbow, Mrs J Blyth, Mrs E Cannell, Mr R and Mrs C Clarke, Ms D Clark, Mrs J Clements, Miss S Collins, Mr J Cooper, Mrs M Corney, Mrs A Costen, Mrs M Croft, Mr G Cullen, Miss J Cullen, Ms J Cutts, Mr E Daniels, Mrs J Dick, Mr S Drew, Ms C Ellis, Mr T and Mrs M French, Mrs J Gamble, Mr R Hall, Miss P Hallam, Mr G and Mrs J Hart, Mrs J Hellessey, Mr K Hind, Mrs S Jackson, Mrs T Johns, Mrs T Karppa, Ms S Laird, Mr S Lampkin, Mrs L Lawson, Miss R Lindsey, Mrs R Lindsey, Mr P Littlejohn, Mrs J McLaurin, Mrs P Micklem, Ms J Naarding, Ms K Olsen, Mr A Payne, Mr S Perkins, Mrs K Prigmore, Mrs L Rand, Ms D Rowe, Miss G Rickard, Ms V Sheppard, Mr A Sherriff, Mrs T Snare, Mrs H Stafford, Mr P Stevenson, Ms

A Tabrett, Ms J Taylor, Mr J, Mrs J and Miss S Tenniswood, Mrs L Tyzack, Mrs D Vevers, Miss A Waddington, Mr P Waddington, Mrs D Wazny, Miss K Webb, Mrs R Weeda and Ms L Young.

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

P Haas requested that consideration be given to allowing a secret ballot.

D Sales advised the meeting that he would accept a procedural motion to enable the request to be considered.

'That a secret ballot be approved to vote on the petition.'

*P Haas/J Connell – **LOST***

To the President and Members of the Council of the Tasmanian Canine Association Inc. (the TCA Inc.)

This, the Petition of the Members of the TCA Inc.:-

Brings to the attention of the Council the following grievances and matters of concern and certain requisitions, to do with the governance and administration of the TCA Inc.:

1. That the circumstances of the Council Election of December 2016 be the subject of a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING at which the following objects be agenda items:
 - (a) Calling for a rescission of the acceptance of the December 2016 vote and a fresh election with new nominations;
 - (b) That the Council be directed within 21 days to fund and obtain an independent review into the governance structures and administrative procedures adopted by the TCA Inc. with the purpose of identifying recommendations for Constitutional change and reform in accordance with contemporary governance and business practices with such review to call for submissions from Members and to be completed no later than the 30th May 2017;
 - (c) That the review report be made available to members immediately on receipt;
 - (d) Next, that the Council call a Special General Meeting of the TCA Inc. within 42 days of receiving the review after having called for notice of business for the Special General Meeting to do with amendments to the Constitution and any other relevant governance structures and procedures used by the TCA Inc.;
 - (e) Further, that the Council of the TCA Inc observe a 'caretaker mode' until such Special General Meeting has been held which would include no significant or unbudgeted expenditures and the continuation of presently elected officeholders until that time.

NOTE: by "Caretaker Mode" it is intended that all usual business of the TCA will continue, subject to limits on new or out of ordinary business as set out in the attached Caretaker Mode Guidelines.

'The abovementioned petition be adopted by the meeting.'

R Foss/J Connell

R Foss spoke to the motion.

D Sales advised the meeting that the Caretaker Mode Guidelines had not been submitted with the petition and then invited comment on the motion.

R Lowe suggested that a time limit of 3 minutes be placed on each speaker.

General discussion then took place with those in attendance putting forward their reasons for supporting or not supporting the motion.

In closing the discussion R Foss advised the meeting that, at no point in time, was the petition ever a motion of no confidence in the office staff and that the petition had been written broadly to allow for the complexity of changes required.

F Harris advised the meeting that she had been a member of the TCA Inc or another Member Body in excess of 55 years except for the period at the end of 2016.

The motion was put to the vote with 23 voting for the motion, 125 voting against it and 16 abstentions.

D Sales declared the motion lost, advised the meeting that the TCA Inc Council will review the electoral process along with other issues in the Association's Constitution, that there will be consultation with the members before the proposed changes go to a Special General Meeting, that there will be a review of office procedures in view of the electronic services that the ANKC Ltd database could offer and of staffing levels and gave a commitment to have the Constitution review in place prior to the 2018 Election of TCA Inc Councillors.

M Aitchison suggested that a line should be drawn in the sand and that everyone move forward.

D Sales thanked everyone in attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.50 PM.