



**Dominion Chihuahua Club Inc**  
**AGM Minutes – 12-14 April 2020**  
**Online via SurveyMonkey**

**1. Meeting open**

Meeting opened at 0900 12 April 2020 online

*Procedural note:*

*This meeting was conducted online via the SurveyMonkey™ polling platform. Written nominations were submitted prior to the meeting on the same platform. SurveyMonkey™ charts detailing the final tallies are included of the votes entered online have been added to the minutes. Tallies have been edited to exclude invalid votes entered by non-voting Honorary Life Members. Responses entered by ineligible non-members were also deleted as part of the finally tally process.*

**2. Roll Call**

Susan Galbraith  
Alex Coker  
Casey Walters  
Jenny Ryan  
Katie O’Neill

Geoff Keir  
Tanith Robb  
Tracey Tonkin  
Margaret Osborne  
Tracy Gannaway

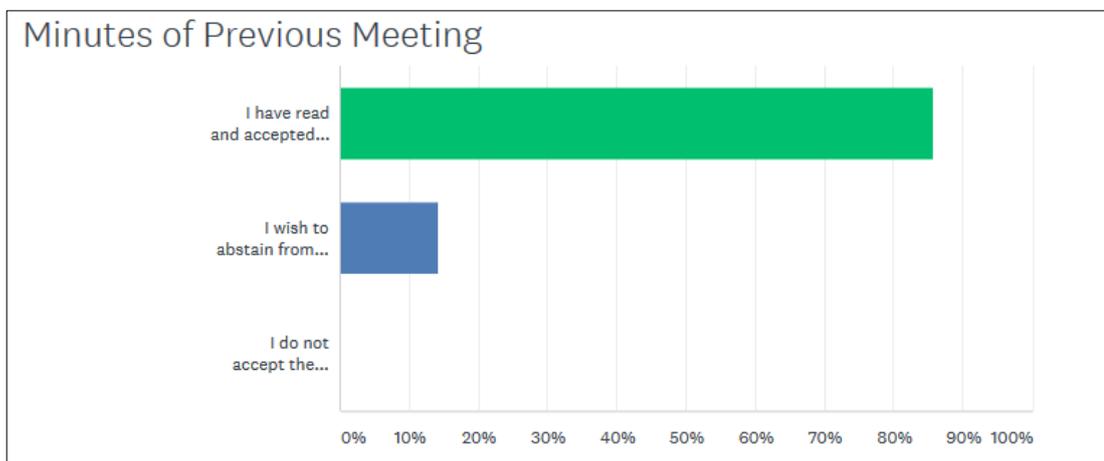
Jen Keir  
Amba Waghorn  
Caroline Manu  
Julie Mattson

**3. Apologies**

No apologies received

**4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the previous AGM were tabled. Motion to accept the minutes of the previous AGM

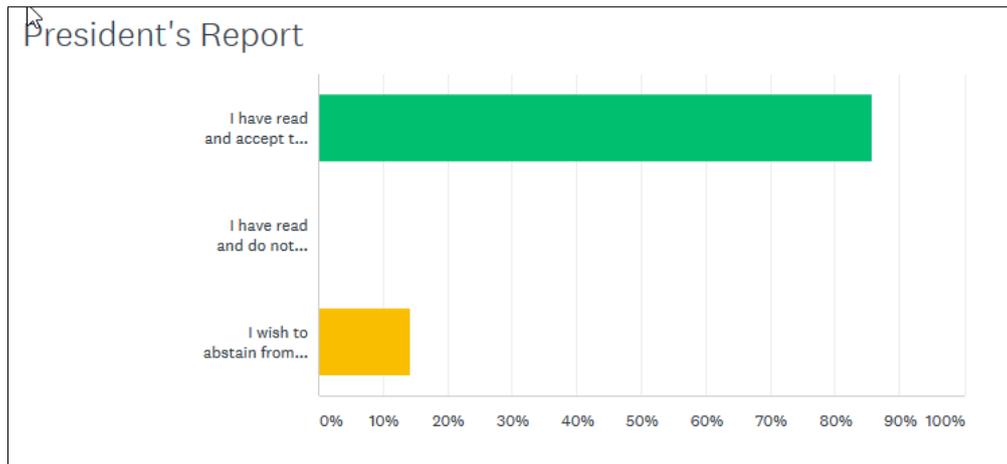


Motion Carried

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## 5. President's Report

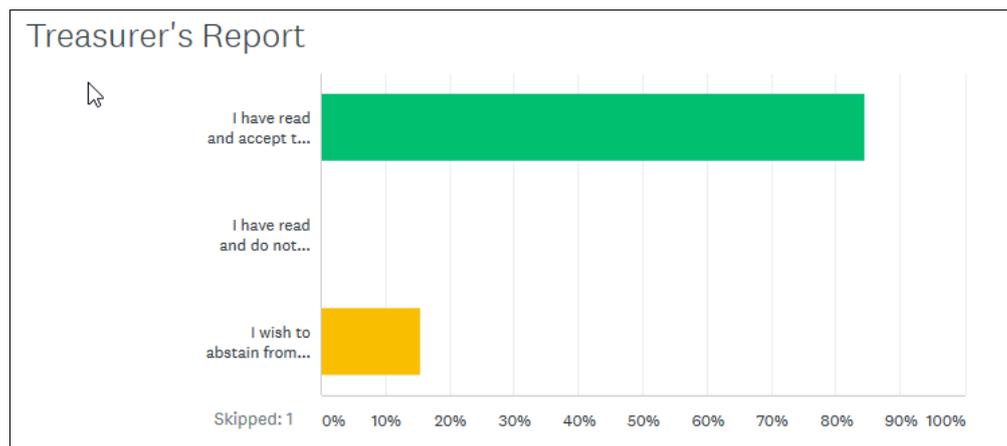
Acting President, Jenny Ryan, submitted the President's report to the meeting as attached.



Motion Carried

## 6. Financial Report and Balance Sheet

Treasurer, Alex Coke, presented the Treasurer's Report to the meeting as attached.



Motion Carried

## 7. Subscriptions for 2020/21 year

Committee proposed no changes to the current fee schedule.

## 8. Election of Honorary Officers, Executive Officers and Committee members

### President

Nominated: Casey Walters

Moved: Jen Kerr

Seconded: Susan Galbraith

Elected unopposed

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## VICE PRESIDENT

Nominated: Amba Waghorn

Moved: Casey Walters

Seconded by Jen Keir

Elected unopposed

## Secretary

Nominated: Jenny Ryan

Moved: Susan Galbraith

Seconded: Tracey Campbell

Elected unopposed

## Treasurer

Nominated: Alex Coker

Moved: Casey Walters

Seconded: Tracey Campbell

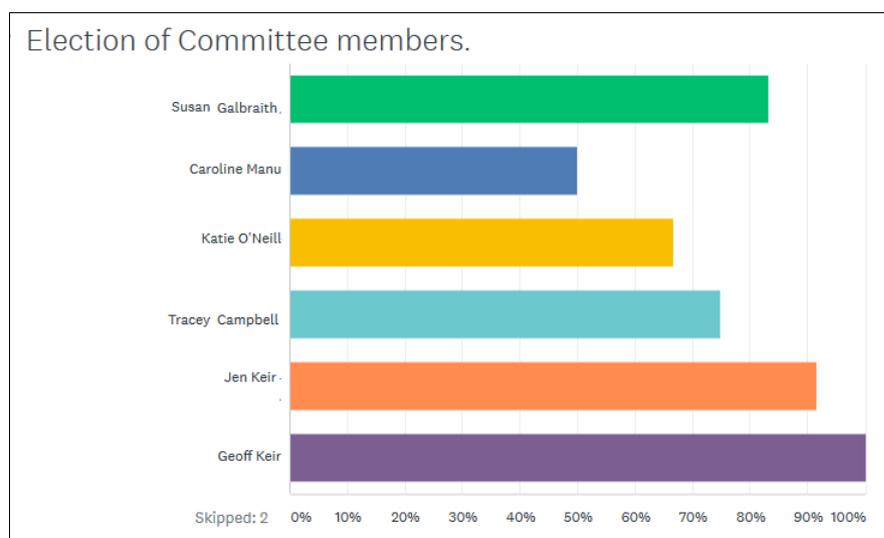
Elected unopposed

## Committee Members

6 Nominations were received for committee members. Elected members are in bold:

- Nominated: **Susan Galbraith** - Moved: Casey Walters, Seconded: Jenny Ryan
- Nominated: **Jen Keir** - Moved: Tracey Campbell, Seconded: Casey Walters
- Nominated: **Tracey Campbell** - Moved: Jen Keir, Seconded: Casey Walters
- Nominated: **Geoff Keir** - Moved: Casey Walters, Seconded: Jenny Ryan
- Nominated: Caroline Manu - Moved: Jenny Ryan, Seconded: Tracey Tonkin
- Nominated: **Katie O'Neill** - Moved: Casey Walters, Seconded: Alex Coker

## Results



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**9. Appointment of Club Patrons**

Nominated: Tracy (Pearce) Gannaway

Moved: Casey Walters

Seconded: Jenny Ryan

Appointed

Nominated: Mr Piffles – The World’s Only Magic Performing Chihuahua™

Moved: Tracey Tonkin

Seconded: Jenny Ryan

Appointed

**10. Veterinary Advisor**

Nominated: Dr Tracey Tonkin (TRACS)

Moved: Casey Walters

Seconded: Jenny Ryan

Appointed

**11. Auditor**

Nominated: Lisa Grenfell

Moved: Casey Walters

Seconded: Jenny Ryan

Appointed

**12. Legal Advisor**

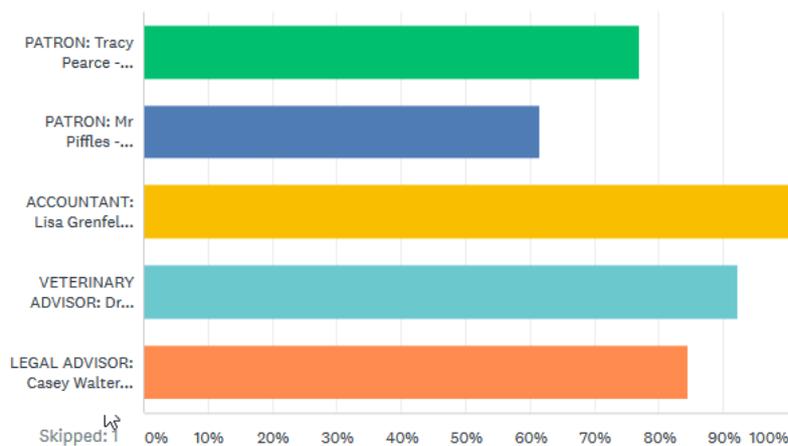
Nominated: Casey Walters

Moved: Jenny Ryan

Seconded: Tracey Tonkin

Appointed

**Election of Honorary Positions**



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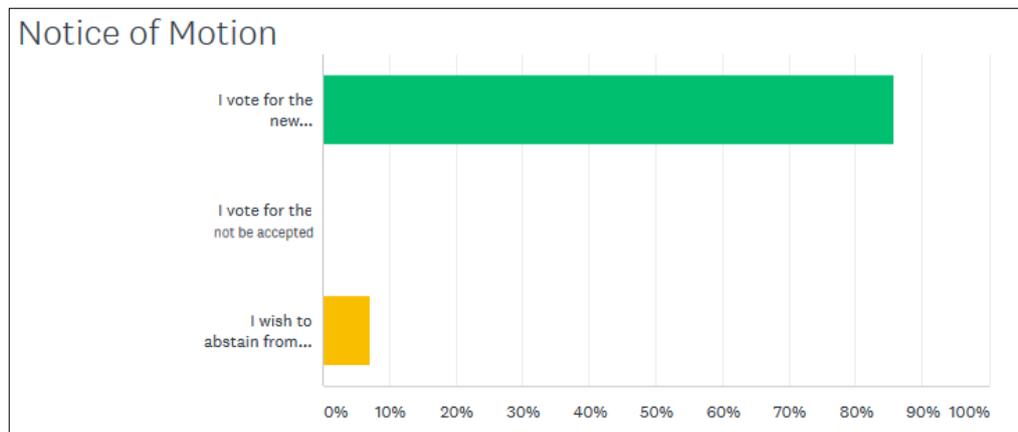
### 13. Acceptance of the Code of Conduct

No amendments to the Code of Conduct have been proposed this year, therefore no vote to accept a new Code of Conduct is required.

### 14. Notices of Motion

A revised constitution was proposed by Jenny Ryan and seconded by Tracey Tonkin. The annotated constitution with the amendments proposed and the rationale for the change is attached. This version updates several key areas of our existing constitution:

- All references to "NZKC" changed to "Dogs NZ" throughout the document.
- Several clauses have been moved to a more logical place in the constitution, but the text remains unchanged.
- The clauses relating to disciplinary hearings have been amended to reflect the wording used by Dogs NZ in their disputes regulations to bring us into line with their rules.
- Membership types have been simplified to allow for 2 levels only - Honorary Life Member and Member. This has been proposed for the following reasons:
  - It will allow us to simplify the membership application and renewal process.
  - It will give us clarity over our actual membership, which is hard to determine at present given the vague nature of "family" memberships which arguably covers everyone at the same address, but that might be anything between 2 and 8 people.
  - It will clarify what constitutes a "quorum" at an AGM, which requires 10 financial members. At present, if a "family member" comes to an AGM with 3 toddlers in tow, they can be counted as making up the quorum.
- The changes would come into effect in from the 1 April 2021.
- There is no suggestion or intention to increase the cost of membership with this change.



### 15. Election of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee

No complaints have been laid to the club this year that require the committee to be appointed.

### 16. Honorariums

No honorariums are proposed by the committee for the coming year.

17. Meeting close: 0900 14 April 2020

# Acting President's Report

Dominion Chihuahua Club

2029/20

I had many things about which to report, such as plans we had going forward in 2020, but with the advent of the COVID-19 lockdown and the sudden change in our world, it's hard to predict how we will manage our future.

I can report on some of the highlights, and the lowlights from the past year, however.

The highlights:

- We had many excellent playgroup sessions this past year, averaging 15 – 25 dogs until we lost our Kuri venue due to a change in their insurance conditions once they opened a kennel in their new premises. We were very fortunate to have Glenstar Kennels step up and allow us to use their facilities, however, future playgroups are now suspended until we drop down to Alert level 1. We had a choice of several venues in the offing prior to the lockdown, but will not know until it is lifted, if these are still available to us.
- We held 2 very successful championship shows, one in June and one in October and a number of fun days and ribbon parades.
- Our last ribbon parade, held at Glenstar had nearly 40 dogs enter and was a truly wonderful day for all concerned.
- We gained 14 additional members this year.
- We were congratulated by our visiting competitors from the North Island on a well-run show and this was also reinforced by written congratulations from Dogs NZ.

The lowlights:

- President, Dr Tracey Tonkin resigned, due to her workload as a vet and her Masters Degree study commitments.
- Following the Championship show in June, the club was attacked quite viciously online by a Christchurch-based dog show exhibitor from another breed who did not attend the show. This person for - reasons we cannot fathom - posted a fanciful list of lies on Facebook about the way the event was conducted which garnered literally hundreds of comments slamming our club, the judge and the committee. An appeal to Dogs NZ for assistance regarding the behaviour of these people was met with a suggestion that we simply ignore them.
- Following the October championship show, we were approached informally by Dogs NZ because they claimed an exhibitor had complained that they didn't think we had spent enough money on their prizes. We offered to show receipts if this was a formal complaint and heard nothing more about it.
- Earlier this year, we were informed by the Director Secretary of Dogs NZ that someone had laid a formal complaint against the club, but he provided no details. We contacted him, the North and South Island Vice Presidents of the Executive Council and the Chairman of the Disputes Committee on multiple occasions, but nobody from Dogs NZ (including the chairman of the committee charged with dealing with such complaints) is able to provide any details about the nature of the complaint, who laid it, or what we are required to do to as a club to deal with this mysterious complaint. Given the lack of action and response by Dogs NZ, we can only surmise that the complaint, when it was laid, was determined to be baseless, and we have not been required to defend it, because there is nothing to defend.

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Despite the above woes, which almost exclusively originate with a tiny group of rather tragic former “show” members who resent the direction the club has taken, our inclusivity of pet members and how the club has flourished without their involvement, we have gone from strength to strength in the past year and 2020 looks to be even better. Sadly, these people have been a real cost to the club, because, on the advice of Dogs NZ, we bring our show manager, Mrs Pat Dance MNZM, from Wellington to manage our shows and keep these people in line, whenever we have Championship show. I wish to especially thank Pat for her unwavering support and defence of our club in the face of some absurd criticism and hope she will continue to support us in the future.

I stepped in as President when Tracey sadly, had to resign, and I have “held the line” but I do look forward to a new President taking the reins for 2020. We have great membership and our aim is to embrace all Chihuahua lovers in NZ, promote the breed and yes, occasionally run championship show for people who complain their prizes are not good enough for them.

I wish to thank my amazingly supportive committee, who have been with me all the way, through thick and thin, and have never waivered in their support. You are a fabulous group of people and I have been honoured to serve as your acting President this year.

I must, of course, thank Betty and Desiree Hanson from Glenstar Kennels for their support. Given they breed Labradors and Legottos, it’s wonderful that they are so supportive of our toy breed.

I would also like to thank our members who make this club such a fun place to be, and I promise you, life will get back to normal and we can all bring our Chihuahuas together again. Eventually.

In the meantime, have a great 2020, stay safe and wash your hands.

Jenny Ryan

Acting President

## Treasurer's Report

### Dominion Chihuahua Club 2019/20 Financial Year

This year the club made a loss of \$453.95.

The main reasons for this was the loss of our Kuri Playgroup venue in July and the 2 Championship shows we ran.

We lost our free playgroup venue when Kuri opened a boarding kennel in their new building and their insurance conditions did not allow non-staff on the premises after hours. Up to that point we had raised \$673.80 from playgroup, which averages out to around \$42 per week. Had we been able to continue through the year, 40 weeks of playgroup would have raised nearly \$1700. Hopefully, as the COVID-19 restrictions ease, we can resume playgroup as this activity is both fun and not too much of a fundraising burden on our members.

It is a condition of our affiliation with Dogs NZ that we conduct at least 1 Championship show per year so the other significant cost was the 2 Championship shows we ran in 2019. We spent a total of \$701 on show prizes in 2019 of which \$460.14 alone was spent on ribbons. We are required to spend 20% of our show entries on prizes, however, we actually spent 99% of the entry money on prizes.

We tried to cancel the October show, but the Director Secretary of Dogs NZ refused to allow the cancellation and we were forced to proceed, despite the financial burden on the club, compounding the loss from playgroup. Had we been allowed to cancel the show, we would have ended the year in the black.

We spent \$600 on judges for both our Championship shows and ribbon parades, plus an additional \$401.94 on airfares to bring Pat Dance down to manage our champ shows. While this cost might seem excessive, Pat's presence at our shows has been critical in dealing with Dogs NZ and well worth the expense.

The only 2 outstanding items to carry over to the new year are the donation of \$175 raised for the Bushfires which has not yet been made, as we are waiting on bank details to send the money to Animal Rescue Collective in Australia. The other is the completion of the shopping bags fundraiser. We have been unable to collect bags or cash because of the lockdown and will account for this next year when we can retrieve the funds raised and the unsold bags for redistribution.

Alex Coker  
Treasurer  
Dominion Chihuahua Club



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Membership	\$580.00	Accounting	\$7.00
Donations	\$116.00	Advertising	\$100.00
Show Entries	\$725.00	NZKC	\$221.50
Fundraising	\$127.50	Judges	\$600.00
Bags Fundraiser	\$8.00	Show Expenses	\$1,719.32
Puppy Play Group	\$673.80	Postage	\$37.00
Interest	\$0.57	Printing/Photocopying	\$0.00
		Shop Purchases	\$0.00
		Sundry	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,230.87</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,684.82</b>

Income Over Expenditure
-\$453.95

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31ST 2019			
Balance Forward - Main Acct	\$274.38		
Balance Forward - Savings Acct	\$1,205.97		
Cash Assets	\$100.00	Main Account	\$550.72
Plus Income to Date	\$2,230.87	Savings Account	\$475.68
Less Expenses to Date	-\$2,684.82	Cash Assets	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,126.40</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,126.40</b>

Accounts checked by

Signed *Layford*

Date *10/4/2020*

Secretary Initials *JR*