



North Canterbury Dog Training Club

MEETING MINUTES AGM 2026

TO BE HELD ON: 26 MAY 2026 @ 6:30 Nibbles, 7.00pm meeting

TO BE HELD AT: Rangiora Racecourse 315 Lehmans Road

PRESENT:

Cheryl Kemp, Alastair Blair, Linda Blair, Barbara Broadhurst, Colin Broadhurst, Jodie Corbett, Susan Dalzell, Mike Dickie, Andria-Leah Downes, Sharron Henderson, Marilyn, Hengst, Michael Kaltenstadled, Steve Kenmare, Janice Kirk, Alastair Kirk, Judy Lawn, Fiona Learmonth, Deana Lyons, Margaret McBeth, Helen McLellan, Wayne McLellan, Leah Millthorpe, Judith Moore, Barbara Nolan, Denise Pawsey, Sue Rutter, Tarsha Stokes, Elaine Stringer, Peter Stringer, Richard Van Den Bos, Matilda Van Rijnberk, Colin Wafer, Diane Webb, Barry Primmer, Jane Knox, Gail Hamling (non member), Steph Pawson, Susan Lewis

Apologies :

Christina Foster, Kirstin Graves, Lesandre Paris, Dave Paris, Natalie Powel,

Jodie Corbett MOVED that the apologies be accepted.

SECONDED by Judy Lawn

Previous Minutes: Distributed to members prior to evening.

Question regarding the grounds for Rangiora - proposal has been put forward to the Council and there are still conversations happening around where an appropriate place for us might be.

Colin Broadhurst MOVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting. SECONDED Judith Moore

President's Report:

Good evening and welcome to our 2026 AGM. Well what another busy year we have had. Our club has grown with many new beautiful faces and their gorgeous fur babies. And what a pleasure it has been to see the progression. So a big thank you to our trainers and of course our dog mums and dads for putting so much time into your dogs.

First I'd like to start with intro. Our intro class which has been at full capacity all year with so many choosing to grow and continue on to our basics class. I'd like to say a big thank you to Richard and Jenny for all your hard work. After that most of the classes continue on to our CGC class or scent work class or elementary obedience class. Thank you Matilda for keeping our scent class under control and Judith for the ELBO class.

The CGC classes have done extremely well with lots of people passing their bronze, foundation, silver and gold. Thank you to team Jody and Lesdandre for all your time and effort getting these guys through. The ELBE class with Judith is doing well and becoming very popular, so we have introduced an intermediate class run by Jenny.

Amberley Classes that both Judith and Janice run are also doing extremely well. Our competitive scent work and obedience are also doing well with many competitors gaining more qualifications. Thank you Judy, Barbara and Helen for all the expertise that you are handing down. A big round of applause for all our instructors for their time and energy they put into this club.

We have also run on Championship show, one ribbon trial and two scent trials that have proved to be popular. These could not have been run without the help of all the committee members and of course our boys that help and set up the rings every year – thank you.

Unfortunately due to the constant back lash from certain members of this club and a request on social media by Mr Kirk requesting me to resign, I have decided I can no longer continue as president and therefore I will not be standing again so I would like to thank the committee for all the amazing hard work they have done over the last two years. You have been an incredible team and I look forward to seeing the club growing even more stronger over the coming years

Jodie Corbett MOVED that the President's report be accepted. **Seconded: NIL**

Alister Kirk presented a report (attached in [appendix 1](#)) and moved that the President's Report **not be accepted**.

Votes For: 11

Votes Against: 17

Outcome: The President's Report was **not accepted**.

Treasurer's Report:

At the end of last year, I was gate keeper for the accounts, then stepped into the role as Treasurer. I have continued as Treasurer for the year.

As with all clubs and associations, the energy of the accounts ebbs and flows with trends and changes to the community group, attendees and classes which are suddenly in favour and classes who are not. It's an ever changing cycle – what is up this year, may be done next year and vice versa. As a cash based system, some expenditure may be up this year, and some down, as this relies on when accounts are received and processed.

We need to remember we are a non profit organisation, and as such should not be making money in large quantities, but that does not mean we should be losing money every year – ideally we should be breaking even in our operations, and a profit this year of \$907 is pretty close to that line.

As a club, we have spent more money on our trainers, we have run a champ show, ribbon trial and two scent work trials over the financial year. We have moved to a new website platform after our old one disintegrated, and we have moved to a more digital system financially using Xero's capabilities better, and with the assistance of our auditor, hopefully we will have the asset and depreciation loaded into Xero to help automate this as well. We have also moved membership into the financial year it relates, with Subscriptions not being due now until 1 April of the year they relate to. On the whole we are doing well as a club financially, and we should be proud of that fact.

Janice Kirk noted - that in the emails to DogsNZ that there was \$2k-\$3k loss for the Obedience Champ Show however in the Treasures report states there is only a \$700 difference.

Janice Kirk MOVED that the treasurers report be accepted as a true and correct record of the Club's financial status as at 31 March 2026.

SECONDED Denise Pawsey

Elections:

The President vacated the chair, the secretary called for nominations for president.

President: Helen McLellan

Nominated by : Alister

Seconded by: Barbara Boardhurst

Vice President: Pete Stinger

Nominated by : Steve Kenmare

Seconded by: Margret McBeth

Secretary: Alister Kirk

Nominated by : Helen McLellan

Seconded by: Elanie Stringer

Treasurer: Janice Kirk

Nominated by : Barbara Broadhurst

Seconded by: Steve Kenmare

Barbara Nolan nominated Susan Dazel as Treasurer, who turned the nomination down.

Committee:

Steven Kenmare

Nominated by : Pete Stringer

Seconded by: Wayne Mclean

Elaine Stringer

Nominated by : Linda Blair

Seconded by: Jodie Corbett

Sue Rutter

Nominated by : Steve Kenmare

Seconded by: Jenny Brown

Tarsha Stokes

Nominated by : Janice Kirk

Seconded by: Sue Rutter

Jenny Brown

Nominated by : Alister Kirk

Seconded by: Janice Kirk

Auditor: Anna Holster

Nominated by : Deana Creelman

Seconded by: Judith Moore

General Business:

Matilda put forward a motion that Scent Work be removed from NCDTC.

Moved: Jodie Corbett

Seconded: Pete Stringer

It was noted that the motion was not voted on, and therefore was lost.

Jodie has stepped down as Class Coordinator and Trainer of CGC as of Winter Break.

Cherly has stepped down as Trainer from Winter Break.

Meeting Closed: Mon 25 June 7:57PM

Presidents Report Address

“Thank you, Chair. I wish to speak against the adoption of the President’s Report. My comments will be factual, respectful, and focused on governance.”

1. Introduce myself to the club membership, speak about my membership and experience.

2. Speak about the founding purpose of the Club.

- To become affiliated with Dogs NZ
- To be Registered with Dogs NZ as a Championship Dog Training Society
- To offer members of the public Domestic Dog Training Classes
- To hold regular Championship Competitions and Ribbon Trials
- To use profit from training classes to fund Championship Obedience Shows & Ribbon Trials
- To support Dogs NZ recognised Clubs and support their competitions.
- To become a Dogs NZ-aligned competitive training club with a clear sporting identity.

“Our constitution requires that members receive the President’s Report at least 14 days before the AGM. That has not occurred. Members have been unable to review the club’s activities in advance, which is a significant procedural issue under Rule 24.4.”

In 2025 the Constitution was rewritten with the result that the statement

To establish a reputation for excellence and commitment to general domestic dog training, competitive obedience and Rally-O.

Was replaced with.

To establish a reputation for excellence and commitment to general domestic dog training and a variety of competitive dog sports excluding agility and hoopers.

If the Committee wanted to offer Scent Work Training and Trials, why did they not write it in along with the existing wording instead of removing competitive obedience, and Rally-O.

This had effect of devaluing the importance of competitive obedience and Rally-O to the club and its members.

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----- Original message -----

From: Lesandre [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Date: 8/04/26 09:41 (GMT+12:00)

Hello Bernadette

I've been in contact with Seetha and she has recommended that we contact you for a different look at our options.

As a club we have concerns around the Obedience part of our club.

To run champ shows and ribbon trials has been costing us a deficit of \$2000 - \$3000 yearly

There are concerns about some of the Obedience members

We were wondering if the Obedience side could be removed from our club and therefore removing the need to run champ shows and ribbon trials.

Going forward, we would like to focus on the CGC levels and Scent Work, along with anything else that might work for us.

Could you please advise us as to whether that is possible. And perhaps how we go about it.

Regards

Lesandre [REDACTED]

For NCDTC

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To raise concerns about the cost of running Champ Shows and Ribbon Trials shows a lack of understanding on how our club should operate.

This is a non-profit Society and should be managed in accordance with our Constitution which states:

4.2 Pecuniary gain is not a purpose of The Society

I believe the amount of \$2,000 - \$3,000 is grossly inaccurate and will be discussed when the financial statement is presented.

No explanation or evidence was provided regarding the concerns about some of the obedience members.

Members that I have spoken with were not aware of any problems.

To seek the removal of the Obedience side of our club and not run Champ Shows and Ribbon Trials is contrary to the Constitution and Purposes of The Society.

1. The Society's Purposes Require Compliance with Dogs NZ

Clause 4.1(d) states that one of the Society's purposes is:

"To promote dog sport events in accordance with DogsNZ rules."

Clause 4.1(e) further states:

“To support other dog sport clubs recognized by DogsNZ.”

These clauses form part of the *Purposes of the Society*, which are legally binding under both the Constitution and the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Any attempt to disengage from Dogs NZ, or to cease operating in accordance with Dogs NZ rules, is therefore **inconsistent with the stated purposes of the Society**.

Just 4 Days Later On 12/04/2026

An email was sent to the Dogs NZ Southern Region Representative from the North Canterbury Dog Training Club President requesting that a notice of postponement for the Ribbon Trial to be held the 19 April 2026 be placed on the Southern Region Face Book page.

The price of living and the weather were the reasons given for the postponement.

The following was an email sent back by the Region Rep in response to the request.

I must say I am most surprised by this email and feel that you need to re-consider your decision.

The full details of the NCDTC ribbon Trial have already been widely publicised, judges and stewards appointed, and I cannot see any real reason why this should not go ahead.

I have checked the long-range weather forecast for next Sunday and there may be a few showers but certainly nothing that would warrant cancelling a show.

Please discuss this with your committee and get back to me when you have made a final decision.

A reply from the President NCDTC was received advising that the postponement would stand.

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These are significant matters that affect the identity and direction of our club.

Members were not consulted, and these actions do not appear in the Presidents Report.

For these reasons, I move that the Presidents report is not adopted, on the grounds that is incomplete and does not accurately reflect the full activities of the Society.

My intention is not to divide the club, but to ensure transparency, accountability, and a return to the founding purpose of the Society.