

DOGSNT AGM - 13th MAY 2020

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Good evening,

Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2020 Dogs NT AGM. The COVID-19 Pandemic has had far reaching effects and unfortunately our AGM has not been able to proceed in the manner we would have hoped. I would like to thank our members for your understanding in this matter and hopefully we will be back to business as usual in the not too distant future.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our re-standing councillors and also those that have served this council during the previous term. Council is not yet at capacity and I hope that there will be members come forward to fill the vacancies that remain. Each Councillor fills an essential part in this organisation.

As always a big thank you must go to all of the clubs and their tireless committees for holding a huge calendar of events in 2019. Unfortunately, 2020 has been a trying period for everyone with sweeping cancellations of activities by all. I am hopeful that restrictions will be lifted once safe to do so and the clubs are able to continue with the remaining calendar of events.

With the revamping of the Ring Steward course we have seen a few more added to the list and I hope that trend will continue. In November 2019 Dogs NT re-opened its Judges Training Scheme and has already overseen its first entry into the Trainee Judge program.

DogsNT has maintained steady membership numbers again and is a financially sound organisation however there is always a need for more support on the ground with its affiliated clubs to grow. In an effort to ensure our clubs are viable into 2021 DogsNT will be taking measures to support them through various means.

I urge members to remain vigilant and stay safe during this period and hope to see you all back out and enjoying your dogs in the not too distant future.

Regards,

Mel Hammett

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